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PUBLIC LIBRARY, June 30, 1876.

His Honor Samuel C. Cobb, Mayor of the City of Boston:

SIR, — I have the honor to transmit to you, herewith, the Twenty-fourth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Public Library, prepared in obedience to the fourth section of the Ordinance of 1869, relative to the Public Library.

Very respectfully,

JUSTIN WINSOR,
Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

In conformity with the requirements of the ordinance concerning the Public Library, the Trustees have the honor to present to the City Council their twenty-fourth Annual

REPORT;

being the seventh made under the last ordinance, and including the results of administration for the year ending on the 30th of April last.

There are also submitted herewith the reports of the Superintendent, and of the Examining Committee.

The report of the Superintendent is necessarily the history of the Library for the year. All the manifold details attending its proper management, the tabulated results of the various Library work, and the statistics necessary to ensure an intelligent comprehension of the development and the uses of the Central Library as well as of the Branches are to be found either in his main report or in the important series of its appendixes. It also contains a full statement, as required by the ordinance, of the receipts and expenditures of the institution. This collection of tables increases in value year by year, as they show most significantly the progress of the Library from its small beginning to the close of the last year.

No one can understand or appreciate its relations to the great constituency which it serves, without a careful examination of these tabular statements.

The Examining Committee for the present year consists of Causten Browne, Esq., George B. Chase, Esq., Henry G. Denny, Esq., George H. Gay, M.D., Rt. Rev. Benjamin H. Paddock, D.D., with Richard Frothingham, Esq., of the Board of Trustees, as chairman. The report is from the hand of George B. Chase, Esq., and presents for consideration a wider range of topics than has previously been offered by similar committees for the action of the City Council and of the Trustees. Among the more important changes recommended to the notice of the City Government, are the tenure of office of the Trustees elected at large; the necessity for more convenient and suitable arrangements for the Library and its visitors, to be obtained by additional structures on the adjacent lots of land; the obvious requirement of some scientific attention to the proper ventilation of the whole building; the establishment of *cabinets d'aisance* for both sexes. Upon these points of additional room, the attention of the City Council is asked later in the present report. With regard to the ventilation, it is hoped that the plans of a new addition to the Central Library to be offered for approval during the present financial year will include some scheme which may be sufficient. It must be remembered, in this connection, that the present imperfection not only poisons the attendants in service in the lower hall, but also destroys the books of the upper hall — through the gradual and insidious absorptions of injurious gases by the leather of the bindings.

The remarks of the committee relative to the character of the fiction suitable for general circulation meet the entire approbation of the Board. They set forth the principles under which the Trustees design that all purchases shall be made. Much of the more popular fiction read by adults is without moral or educational purposes. In books expressly written for the young there is for the most part, among recent authors, a larger stimulus given or intended. But no supervision of the Trustees can stand in the place of a parent or guardian, who should always see that the books selected by the young for their own edification are suitable to their character and intellectual development. While the reading of books relating to history, biography or travel, or to other educational subjects, receives, on account of the subjects, no special comment or notice, works of imagination, however unsuited to the youthful requirements, and having, nevertheless, a quicker, more direct, and more pleasurable effect on character and aim, it is feared, do not receive

the attention of those to whom formation of character is responsibly entrusted at all in proportion to the importance of the results contemplated, or perhaps dimly outlined.

In the report of the last year the Trustees asked the attention of the City Council to the necessity of a prospective enlargement of the Boylston-street building, by the erection of a suitable addition to it upon the estate adjacent, purchased for that purpose by the city in the year 1872. They also proposed to present suitable plans for this improvement previous to the preparation of the appropriation bill for the present year. But, in consequence of the depressed financial condition of the community, it was deemed best to await a more prosperous season before calling for such a considerable expenditure as would secure the fire-proof structure needed for the Library extension.

During the year, however, the needs of the institution were so pressing for the catalogue department, that an extension of two stories was made behind the Bates-Hall floor, giving two rooms 45 X 16 feet, and relieving the floor and galleries of the blocking and confusion caused by insufficiency of room. This addition is of wood, covered with sheet iron. To it should be added iron or steel shutters, to make it tolerably safe from any neighboring fire.

This structure is not of such a character as would have been afforded by the proposed extension on Boylston street, and will, at least, it is to be hoped, serve only a temporary purpose. The collection of books is now of such great pecuniary value, that simply as a matter of money the city cannot afford to run any risks with it that prudence can avoid.

It is hoped that plans will be submitted early next year to the Council, after they have been approved by the Board, for such an edifice as the proximate wants of the institution require.

It is also our duty to renew the statements of the last report relative to the rooms occupied by the South Boston Branch — the most numerously frequented of all the Branches. It is for the City Council to consider whether it shall provide the requisite accommodations by leasing other rooms in the building now occupied, or elsewhere, or to set aside suitable halls in some structure, either at present owned by the city or hereafter to be erected.

In offering the usual brief summary of the condition and uses of the institution, it is most gratifying to exhibit the figures which indicate a remarkable progress derived from the

increased appreciation of its value on the part of the whole community.

The Central Library in Boylston street contains 234,350 vols. : the six Branches, 63,525 vols. ; making a total of 297,875 vols., an increase for the year of 20,957 vols.

The Libraries were open 306 days in the year. Of the great reference collection in the Bates Hall, there were used 114,329 books. The Lower Hall distributed to borrowers and for hall use 348,842 vols. From the six Branches there were issued 484,450 vols. The following table shows the number of books in each of the popular Libraries and their average use : —

	No. of vols.	Circulation.	Average use.
Lower Hall, Boylston st.,	35,152	348,842	9.9
East Boston Branch,	9,037	90,987	10.06
South “ “	7,288	115,530	16.3
Roxbury, “	10,707	101,297	9.4
Charlestown, “	17,394	85,815	4.93
Brighton, “	11,911	24,805	2.08
Dorchester, “	7,106	66,016	9.29

The low averages of Charlestown and Brighton are in a some degree due to the magnitude of their Libraries in proportion to their population, and in the case of the former it is undoubtedly affected by the distance of the institution from the centre of the population of the district. It is, however, principally owing to the fact, that, as independent Libraries before annexation, they had gathered a large number of documents and other books, which swelled the aggregate of their volumes without increasing the stock of popular books.

Of this aggregate use of 947,621 vols., there is first noticeable the great percentage of increase over the previous year, amounting to 189,204 vols., or 25 per cent., — which is unexampled in the statistics of our circulation. The largest delivery on any one day swelled from 6,074 in the last year to 8,035 vols. in 1875-76, showing the still more striking advance of 32 per cent. Of this latter use, 107,217 books were from the Boylston-street Library, and 81,987 books from the six Branches,—showing that the foundation of these accessories has not only benefited the districts where they were established, but has had no effect in diminishing the extent of the issues of the greater Library in the city proper. Indeed, increased activity in reading was the general result throughout the whole constituency supplied or assisted by the institution.

In this connection we may examine the registration of the applicants for Library privileges, with a view to ascertain the probable number of readers who have created the great demand, already shown, upon the resources of the Library for the year 1875-76. The whole number now registered who have liberty to take books for home use is 97,388 persons; of these the Superintendent of the Library, after an examination of the cards in use, estimates that fully three-fourths made use of the Library. Applying the figures to the use of the Branches, we obtain some most surprising results. For East Boston, 7,250 cards; for South Boston, 7,807; for Roxbury, 6,390; for Dorchester, 2,426, have been issued. Deducting twenty-five per cent. from these amounts, we have 17,905 persons, who used in the aggregate 373,830 vols., or over 20 vols. per borrower, per annum. But, with the more recent Branches, it is probable that a larger proportion of the cards are in active use.

The reading-rooms of the Libraries were open for 358 days. 317,308 visitors made use of 400,452 periodicals. It will be noticed by the tables that the Sunday attendance in the Branches is nearly stationary, — and it is a question whether the advantages of use in more than one are equivalent to the expense of maintenance. But, with the reading-room in Boylston street, in which the city is required, under the terms of Mr. Bates's donation, to provide at least one hundred chairs, it is probable that an enlargement of the accommodations would effect a considerable increase in the Sunday readers. Even at the present time, in the more crowded hours, the overflow of the reading-room takes refuge in the darker delivery room of the lower Library.

The classification of the reading from the popular Libraries is substantially unchanged from the previous year. In the use of fiction and juveniles the Branches still are in advance in percentage over the Lower Hall collection in the city proper.

It is most gratifying to the Trustees to continue to acknowledge the liberality and the attention of the donors of books and pamphlets. The aggregate number of volumes presented since the opening of the Library, without enumerating the purchases from the income of trust funds given to the city for the use of the institution, has amounted to 107,016, — more than one-third of the contents of the Libraries.

To those who are disposed to contribute to the usefulness of the collections, either by the gift of books or of funds to be used for their purchase, the classification of books now in

the Library will prove of great assistance as indicating the departments which may be built up with advantage.

But of the donations for the year the most valuable, (its worth being derived greatly from its historical associations), was the gift to the City of Boston, by fifty of our fellow-citizens, of the gold medal presented to Washington, by Congress, in commemoration of the Evacuation of Boston by the British troops on the 17th of March, 1776. The condition was affixed by the donors that it should be forever deposited in the Public Library.

From the great use and circulation, amounting to 947,621 volumes, only 100, or 1 in 9,476, were missing from the shelves at the close of the year, as issues not yet recovered. Of these 96 belonged to the Central Library, and 4 to the Branches. From the aggregate circulation of 307,648 vols. from the South Boston, Roxbury, Brighton, and Dorchester Branches not a book was missing,— an unexampled fact in the annals of free lending Libraries. In the circulation of 90,987 volumes from East Boston, but one book was reported as unfound. Of the 96 belonging to the Boylston-street Library, a portion will undoubtedly be returned. These figures amply sustain the principle first advanced on behalf of this Library, that an enormous use of books can be permitted with but trifling loss, and without pecuniary guaranty from borrowers.

One other department of the institution has attained such prominence as to deserve particular mention. Its Bindery, under charge of Mr. F. P. Hathaway, not only disposes of the great variety of binding and repairs, arising out of the necessary wear of the books circulated in such great numbers, but also produces specimens of fine workmanship, of which any similar establishment might well be proud. The volumes sent to the Centennial Exhibition, comprising the documentary history and catalogues of the Library, are deposited in the Massachusetts Educational Department, and have excited much interest and admiration.

In conformity with the expressed desire of the City Council, that all departments of the government shall be conducted for the present year with the strictest economy practicable, a reduction of sixty-five hundred dollars was made by the Trustees in their estimates of the sums needed under the different items of expenditure. Notwithstanding the increasing use of books, and the consequent large demand upon the resources of the institution, it is hoped that the appropriation will be sufficient. Every effort consistent with the welfare of the Library will be made to keep its expenses within its limits.

In concluding what has proved to be but a continuous

annual narration of the success of an institution founded for the purpose of supplying every class in the community with the reading suited to its respective cultivation, the Trustees cannot but congratulate the City Council upon the great progress indicated by the documents accompanying this report. The whole movement is onward and forward. In no year has so large an amount of administrative work been accomplished, as during this year's service. With the largest popular Library yet collected and placed within the reach of readers and students, it is a most satisfactory result of its organization that no individual, to the knowledge of the Trustees, has yet asked for reasonable help without receiving it, or without being met by efforts to afford it.

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[A.]

REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE,

CONSISTING OF

CAUSTEN BROWNE, Esq., GEORGE B. CHASE, Esq., HENRY G. DENNY, Esq., GEORGE H. GAY, M.D., the Right Reverend BENJAMIN H. PADDOCK, D.D., with the Hon. RICHARD FROTHINGHAM, of the Trustees, as Chairman.

On behalf of the Examining Committee, the undersigned has the honor to

REPORT,

in accordance with the provisions of the sixth section of the City Ordinance, by which the Public Library is governed, which requires that the Trustees shall annually appoint a committee consisting of five citizens, who, with a member of the Board of Trustees as their chairman, shall examine the Library, and thereupon prepare, and submit to the Board, a report upon its condition.

The committee, all members present, held their first meeting on Monday, May 19th, when the Superintendent read to them his own annual report, and gave them such explanations upon its various topics as were desired. After discussion it was determined that the several members of the committee should visit the Library from time to time, as might be convenient to them, and submit, at stated meetings, the results of their personal inquiries and observation upon the details of its administration, and the condition of its several departments.

The committee acknowledge with pleasure the courtesy of their chairman, Hon. Richard Frothingham, who presided at their meetings, and aided them by his counsels and suggestions; and of the officers of the Library, especially of the Superintendent, who gave them full information, and showed the most thorough and minute acquaintance with all the details of the great organization of which he is the head.

The committee examined with care the building of the Central Library, upon Boylston street, and that of the Fellowes Athenæum, which contains the Roxbury Branch, — the latest in design, as it is the best arranged, of all the Branch Libraries.

The Central Building, although often criticised and defective in its original plan, has been made, through somewhat expensive alterations and enlargements, fairly suitable to the present requirements of such a structure. The decoration in color of the walls and ceiling of the Bates Hall largely increased that architectural effect, to obtain which, in its construction, so great a sacrifice was made of the space otherwise required for the quick handling and delivering of books.

The new wing affords, upon each floor, convenient rooms, spacious, well-lighted, and suited to the uses to which they are put. The committee, however, feel constrained to express their disapproval of the gallery recently thrown across the rear of the building, upon a level with the floor of the Bates Hall. While the question of expense is one which should never be otherwise than carefully considered in the construction of public buildings, there should be no question of incurring it whenever the safety of valuable property, the loss of which would be irreparable, is at stake.

Our citizens and tax-payers are not disposed to grumble at the City Council's appropriations for the Library. On the contrary, they rejoice and take pride in the rapid development of the institution, which a wise liberality has permitted. They would be glad, therefore, to see each addition to the central building of such a character as would command the cordial approval of the educated classes, and of all who bring special knowledge to bear upon the subject of their criticism. While the committee are assured that the new gallery is safer from destruction by fire, in the event of a conflagration among the buildings in the rear of the Library estate than its appearance would warrant, it is not absolutely safe; neither is it the safest structure which could have been devised for the purpose, and which could have been had at the additional cost of three or four thousand dollars. The most complete collection of United States Documents extant is, of all departments in the Library, so placed as to be nearest to this gallery. An injury to this collection — not its loss — might be one that neither time nor money could make good.

The committee, after separate investigation by its members, found themselves to be unanimously of opinion, that the safety of some of the collections in the basement, the comfort and convenience of the public who use the Library, and of the officials who serve it, require that an additional wing, upon the east side or end of the Library, should be built as soon as the necessary plans of construction can be thoroughly brought out and matured.

There is, besides, no proper place, either for the arrangement of the bound volumes of newspapers, or for their exam-

ination. They are kept in the same out-of-the-way, half-lighted, damp and dingy basement in which they have been for several years stored, notwithstanding the fact that previous committees have called attention to their situation. These valuable volumes of reference and historic source are there kept, because there is no other place for them. The situation is discreditable, and justifies the committee in asking for a large and well-lighted room for their use.

The lavatories and retiring-rooms for the large number of women employed in the building are inadequate. The cleanliness of the present contracted closets is a favorable indication of neat habits and innate refinement in those who use them. They are insufficient, however, for the increased number of the Library staff.

Urinals should also be provided for the use of all visitors, of both sexes, to the Library; and, in order to maintain them in a proper state of cleanliness, should be placed under the especial care of paid attendants. Every Library of the first class in Europe affords similar provision for the wants of its frequenters. A greater obligation than exists in the Old World lies upon the authorities of our city to maintain such accommodations; for, in European cities, public structures, conveniently situated, and, where recently built, unobtrusive and neat in appearance, abound for the use of all classes. Here, in New England, so strong are the fetters of a past provincialism, that the reader at the Library, if obliged to leave the building, hardly knows now where to turn for relief.

The want of ventilation in the Lower Hall has attracted the attention of the committee, as it has that of others who have preceded it. The defective ventilation of the Upper Hall, though never so troublesome as in the stories below, was strongly indicated to the committee by the decayed bindings of long rows of books, on the higher tiers of the alcoves, due, as the data upon the subject furnished by the Superintendent clearly show, to the vitiated qualities of the air which penetrate the different kinds of skin used for the backs of books, and destroy their bindings, in a few years, by a sort of dry rot. The yearly charges for rebinding are, from this cause alone, largely increased. The committee, while aware that the pecuniary loss thus incurred is of minor importance in comparison with the physical injury sustained by the employés or readers in the building, feel sensibly that, upon this subject, they can speak only in the way of suggestion. They venture to express their belief that an advantage might be gained by a consideration of some plan, by which a committee of men of science, from among the many in our neigh-

borhood, who feel a strong interest and pride in the Library, might be formed to consider and act upon the whole subject of ventilation, with authority from the City Council and the Trustees to make such experiments as should seem to them desirable. In view of the future growth of the Library, the committee feel that their fellow-citizens would view with satisfaction the purchase, by the city, of the estates which surround the central building. The Library should ultimately stand upon a square lot, accessible from two opposite sides, and open upon all.

The number of books has increased during the year from 277,000 to 298,000. This increase represents in itself a Library of respectable size. It is gratifying to find that so large a proportion of this gain has come from gifts which represent so many different sources of interest in the Library and such wide-spread regard for its development. While the collections, as a whole, render the Library strong in many, indeed most, departments of literature, it is still somewhat deficient in the large and expensive works upon the arts and sciences which are occasionally published, and which, if not of recent date, are sometimes offered for sale by the dispersion of European collections. No book should be too expensive for acquisition by the City of Boston, if it be worth, in the estimation of the Trustees of the Library, the money necessary to secure it. While books of extraordinary value may be beyond the means of private collectors, they should always be within the properly elastic limits of a city appropriation. The agents of the Library should be therefore authorized to report at once upon the opportunities that may from time to time occur, of purchasing works of the highest class in typographical execution.

The collections of current newspapers, documents, broadsides, and handbills, which illustrate historic epochs or passing events of interest and importance, constitute already a valuable department in the Library. Within the past year its resources have been readily appreciated by writers for the press, and others who have found in its old documents, books and papers, and in the bulletins of the Library Staff, the best illustration of events a century ago. The forethought of the Superintendent, in his arrangements to secure extensive collections from all the States of the Union, which will serve, hereafter, as records of what is done or said during the Centennial period, and in especial relation to it, is worthy of separate and distinct mention. His methods and energy in this work will secure to the Library in a few years an abundance of material for the use of the future historian,

such as has never hitherto been put at the command of any writer upon historical subjects.

The books of the Library are in good order, except, as has been already mentioned, in some of the upper tiers of shelving, where there are many which require rebinding. The Bindery upon the lower floor is hardly large enough to secure the most expeditious and economical work. The committee were gratified to find, however, that in this department, as in every other, the order and system of the Library service were maintained, and that the quality of the various styles of work done in the Bindery was good.

The committee beg to suggest to the Trustees the possibility of a more systematic and thorough supervision of the nature and character of all works of the imagination, in prose and poetry, which come within the term of light reading. No book, immoral and impure in tone, written to excite the imagination of the young, or to pander to the depraved tastes of the vicious classes, which exist in every great capital of the world, should be allowed upon the shelves for general circulation. While such books have never been deliberately permitted to pass to and fro over the counter, no sufficient provision seems to have been made in former years for inquiry into the character of all such productions, especially of the French school of fiction. It often happens, even among the worst writers of the Parisian type, while they have written much that is vile, that some of their productions are good and without alloy of evil. The impure works of such authors should be placed, as now, under restriction, while their other productions should be so shelved as to be ready for immediate delivery when applied for. The course here recommended has been, for a long time, to a certain extent carried out. A more systematic and vigilant inquiry into the character of each volume of this class of literature, either by correspondence or otherwise, might be easily established with beneficial results.

The administration of the Library seems, to your committee, its most creditable feature. It is believed that, in this respect, it stands in the front rank of similar institutions. The discipline of its service is excellent. Punctuality in attendance is attained and enforced by a system of daily registry which has, for so long a time, proved effective to this end. The work of the staff in all its branches is well and thoroughly done. Its method of accounts, subordinated somewhat to the system maintained at the City Treasury, is simple, clear, and correct. The delivery of books is, perhaps, as rapid as can be obtained without adding very greatly to the annual expense of maintenance, and the committee

find the best proof of its efficiency in the fact that nearly a million of volumes were asked for and delivered during the year. The tables which accompany the Superintendent's report are, however, so full as to preclude the necessity of any illustration here of the methods and active work of the Library, of the efficiency of which it is sufficient to say that the committee were very strongly impressed.

The singular success which has attended the growth and administration of the Public Library is largely due to the steady and conservative character of its management, by which no sudden change has ever yet been made in the character and composition of the Board of Trustees, leading, as such occurrences almost invariably do, to rash innovations and bold experiments by ill-advised and inexperienced, though doubtless well-intentioned men. The possibility of any such change should be carefully guarded against in the provisions of the City Ordinance which relates to the Library. By the present regulations the terms of office of two Trustees at large expire each year. The three Trustees who sit at the Board as the direct representatives of the City Government are elected for a service of a single year. The opportunity, therefore, is now afforded from year to year to make a radical change in the character of the Board, by the election to it of a majority of its numbers hostile to its existent policy. In the conduct of an institution so large as the Public Library has now become, the possibility of a conflict of opinion in the Board of Trustees will be at once admitted, carrying with it the hazard of a violent change in its administration. The committee are, therefore, of the opinion that the ordinance would be wisely modified by a new provision which should retire only one of the Trustees at large in each year. By such an amendment it would require a period of at least twelve months to remove from office a majority of the Board, thus doing away with the summary method of election, by which the character and composition of this important body might be changed, as at present, in a night.

The progress of cataloguing the books of the Library during the year, both in the style and character of the work, in this the most important of all the departments of the Library, has been entirely satisfactory. The committee were especially impressed by the admirable illustrations of bibliographical research afforded by the notes upon the catalogue of the Barton Library, now in preparation. The Shakespearian notes, published in the monthly reports, have everywhere attracted the attention, as they have earned the warm commendation, of scholars.

The Library, through its various publications, catalogues,

bulletins, and notes, exercises a strong and healthful influence upon the mental training of the large and increasing numbers who apply for books at its distributing points.

This influence is a distinct factor in the work of education and the diffusion of knowledge, which the committee are glad to record has been from the foundation of the Library, hardly a quarter of a century since, the aim of the city which has so liberally provided for it, and of the Trustees who have so well and faithfully guided and controlled it.

In conclusion, the committee have only to record their gratification and pride in the institution, upon which, as citizens of Boston, they have been called to report.

For the Committee,

GEORGE B. CHASE.

[B.]

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

To the Trustees:—

GENTLEMEN,—I herewith present my ninth annual report, and referring you to the appendixes for the body of the information which you have a right to expect, I shall touch here such points as need further elucidation.

In my report a year ago I mentioned the necessity of a new delivery counter in the Bates Hall, suited to the increased circulation of that department, which has gone during the year as high as 877 volumes a day. A plan of what was desired was furnished to the City Architect, who made the working drawings, and the counter was put in place in February, and during the interval since that date, it has proved, both under heavy and light work, to be well adapted to the requirements. The old circular counter, removed to the other end of the hall, and placed under the supervision of an attendant, serves a useful end as a desk for the consultation of the reference books.

The posts of the new counter were left hollow, to enclose the columns which were to become the supports of an extension of the Parker Gallery, which was needed to give increased space for the work done in that section of the building. As mentioned in my last report, the City Architect took in hand the designing of this extension, and his plan having been approved by the Trustees, it was laid before the authorities at City Hall; but delays, which it was impossible for the Library to prevent, pushed the decision of the question beyond the life of that municipal government, and carried it before that of the present year. The plan was changed under the direction of the Committee on Public Buildings to an outside gallery of two stories, upon which work began on the first of April, and it is now in progress. This delay of a year has perplexed the work in a critical department of the Library, and caused physical detriments to the attendants. A few years since a similar external gallery, to be built of iron, was planned for the relief of the Patent Room; but the enlargement of the south-west tower took the place of such extension. The present addition is built of wood, covered on the outside with galvanized iron. There were reasons, it is well understood, and for which, doubtless,

the times must be held responsible, which necessitated the employment of combustible material in constructing an appendage to a building which is held to be in good measure fire-proof, if not so beyond a peradventure. It is to be regretted, however, that the necessity existed; and it is also, I think, apparent that the main building cannot maintain that security from the external assaults of fire, which it is thought has been given it, at considerable expense, since the great fire of 1872, unless steel shutters are put upon the new outer windows, and there exist the means of shutting off the new gallery at all points by double iron doors, to be closed every night. It is much to be hoped that no time will be lost before so precious a collection as the building now contains is again as effectually guarded as before from the dangers of fire.

The space which this new structure gives is much greater than the other plan provided for, and is so far an important gain. The new Card Catalogue Room will be ample for the work to be done in it for some years. The lower room on the level of the main floor, beside furnishing some official quarters, will provide what is much needed, a Study Room, where inquirers pursuing protracted investigations, or requiring a large number of volumes, can have the accommodations which are necessary. Work of this kind by readers is now almost impossible at the tables in the Bates Hall, on account of the great increase in the number of ordinary readers.

The pressure of frequenters has also resulted during the year in a partial rearrangement of the Lower Delivery Room. The "Indicator," which had fallen behind in its usefulness, has been removed, without detriment. The separate counters have been brought together to economize space, and a portion of the floor railed off to prevent the monopolizing occupation of the whole area by boys, at certain hours when they of necessity preponderate among the visitors. The result has been that a much larger delivery than was ever before known has been maintained with far less friction than has been experienced for many years.

I must again, as I have in previous years, refer to the great need of better and larger space for the newspaper collection, and for the duplicates held for exchange, as well as for suitable toilet-rooms, adapted to the use of the large number of attendants, of both sexes, now employed. The present make-shifts are not creditable. I have often commented upon the restraints upon the Library's usefulness, which come from the insufficient accommodations of the Lower Delivery Room and the Periodical Reading Room.

By a vote of the Trustees, asking the City Government to allow plans to be made for a further extension of the main building, so as to cover the Richardson estate, steps are already taken, which, it is hoped, will lead to a remedy of these defects in our internal arrangements, and will provide the further accommodations, in other respects, which will be demanded by necessity before long. Under this mutual agreement of the Trustees and the City Government, the City Architect and myself are now engaged in making plans to meet such wants, which will probably be in shape for consideration during the year.

There is no immediate need of further accommodation at any of the Branches, except at South Boston, and at the expiration of the present lease, if not before, it will become necessary to consider whether the most-used of all the Branches should longer be restricted to quarters, never convenient, and now wholly inadequate.

The enlargement of our system by offshoots from the Branches has brought another kind of accommodation into use.

The neighborhood of the Lower Mills of Dorchester had a population of about 3,000, without convenient library facilities, as the tax of a car-fare to and from the Dorchester Branch operated to prevent any considerable use of it by the residents of this neighborhood. Through the kindly attention of the Rev. H. G. Spaulding, of that village, an arrangement was made with the proprietors of a circulating library, by which some 2,500 volumes were turned over to the Dorchester Branch, on condition that a delivery of that Branch should be established at the Lower Mills. The plan was to be tried for one year, now nearly expired, and if the working of the new system proved mutually satisfactory, the books and a small fund were to become the property of the Library, for the benefit of the Dorchester Branch, and the delivery was to pass out of an experimental stage into a fixed part of the Library system. There seems no reason why the results should not be considered satisfactory to the Trustees, as the following figures will show :—

LOWER MILLS DELIVERY.	Slip sent to		Books received from		L. Mills.	L. Mills.
	Dor. Br.	Cent. Lib.	Dor. Br.	Cent. Lib.	Registra- tion.	Sales of Catalogues and fines.
May .....	...	..	...	..	..	....
June	236	2	215	..	48	\$2.26
July	546	25	498	14	68	5.64
August	774	24	692	22	56	4.90
September	779	21	694	14	27	2.28
October	876	16	820	11	33	3.42
November	911	9	779	5	21	2.30
December	948	..	813	3	18	3.16
January	1,124	3	977	2	25	2.92
February	1,102	32	995	24	21	2.20
March	1,223	17	1,063	14	23	4.46
April	852	18	958	23	8	5.58
Totals	9,371	167	8,504	132	348	\$39.12

In order to give the experiment a fair start, with as little burden of expense as possible, Mr. J. C. Talbot kindly offered the use of a small building adjacent to his store, and during three hours in the latter part of the day an attendant has been present there to record the applications of those who desire to be registered as users of the Library, to take orders for books, and to deliver the books when received; an express box passing daily to and from the Dorchester Branch, and communication being had also, through that Branch, with the Central Library. The necessary delay of twenty-four hours between the application for books and their receipt, and the consequent double visit required by the borrower, of course operate to render the use of the Library, in this way, more troublesome than by direct application where the books are deposited; but, notwithstanding, it seems to be a convenience readily availed of in the absence of the directer method; and the initial experience has been such as to warrant, in my judgment, the recognition of the delivery system as a proper development in the line of our further usefulness.

It was thought that our next Branch would be established at Jamaica Plain, where a large population were eager for it, and where the city already possesses, in Curtis Hall, a convenient building, which could be devoted to this use. A year or two since overtures had been made, on the part of the Trustees of the Eliot Fund, — an endowment for educational

purposes, — looking to the conversion of that trust for the purposes of such a Branch ; but legal difficulties were found in the way, which would require a legislative enactment, and the project was dropped. The decision may not, however, be beyond revision, and it is to be hoped that the way may be made clear during the year, by which the Branch for Jamaica Plain may be started, when the time comes, under something like the same favorable circumstances which attended the junction of the Roxbury Branch and the Fellowes Athenæum.

Meanwhile, in a response to a petition from citizens of Jamaica Plain, asking for increased Library facilities, the question of establishing in that region a second delivery was considered, and a favorable decision having been reached, the preparations for such a subsidiary adjunct of the Roxbury Branch are in progress, and the new machinery will probably be in motion before the present report is made. For this purpose, a very eligible room, formerly occupied by the Treasurer of the town of West Roxbury, in the lower south-west corner of Curtis Hall, has been put at our disposal by the Superintendent of Public Buildings.

The financial exigencies of the past year have had their effect upon our monetary resources for the coming year. Notwithstanding the increased business of every department the appropriation now to our credit is less than we began the last year with ; and the figuring has been, I fear, too close for a wholly satisfactory administration. The allowance with which we begin the year's work is as follows : —

Binding.	<i>City appropriation</i>	.	.	.	\$5,000 00
Books and periodicals.	<i>City appropriation</i>	.	.	.	10,000 00
"	"	<i>Balance with Barings</i>			
		(<i>London</i>)	.	.	5,860 76
"	"	<i>Balance with Flügel</i>			
		(<i>Leipsic</i>)	.	.	945 00
"	"	<i>Balance with Riaño</i>			
		(<i>Madrid</i>)	.	.	467 25
"	"	<i>Income from funds</i>	.	.	6,300 00
Catalogue.	<i>City appropriation</i>	.	.	.	5,000 00
"	<i>Ticknor appropriation</i>	.	.	.	1,846 31
Fuel.	<i>City appropriation</i>	.	.	.	4,000 00
Furniture.	"	"	.	.	2,000 00
Gas.	"	"	.	.	5,000 00
Expense, etc.	"	"	.	.	3,000 00
Printing and stationery.	<i>City appropriation</i>				5,500 00
Salaries.	"	"			69,500 00
Transportation, etc.	"	"			2,500 00

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Of the above sum \$111,500 is the regular appropriation by the City Council. The total available for books and periodicals is \$23,573.01, beside the income of the Fellowes Fund, on account of which there has been spent in the two years last past something short of \$4,000.

There have been some changes in the investments of the Library funds, as will be seen by Appendix XXV. The financial statement for the past year appears in Appendix XXIV.

The Catalogue Department has issued the quarterly Bulletins, as usual, during the year, the number for October, 1875, completing the second volume, which began with the number for January, 1872. The bibliographical notes, which of late have made a distinguishing feature, have been continued, and an effort to meet the interest arising from the Centennial period led to the printing in that for July, 1875, of a paper on the Literature of the battle of Bunker Hill, with its antecedents and results, which covered the interval from the commotion over the application for writs of assistance in 1761 to the evacuation of Boston by the royal troops in March, 1776. This article was afterwards reprinted in the volume published by the city as a memorial of the celebration of the 17th of June, 1875. In the number of the Bulletin for January, 1876, the literature of 1776 was reviewed; and it is contemplated to prepare similar annual reviews as long as the Centennial period lasts.

Certain topics supposed to have some general interest have also been made the subject of similar treatment, and the patrons of the Library are indebted to Colonel Ware, the keeper of Bates Hall, for articles of this kind on architecture, music, costume, ornament, autographs, etc. In the number for January, 1876, the office secretary, Mr. F. B. Perkins, began a check-list of American local history, which is not confined to what the Library already possesses, and which for completeness is intended to be much more satisfactory than any similar list heretofore produced. It serves a double purpose of showing what the Library already has on its shelves, and the gaps needing to be filled.

Beside the catalogue work proper of the bulletins and of the card catalogues, there have been two important pieces of work begun during the year: —

First. The printing of the Ticknor Catalogue, which has been going forward slowly on account of other work, is now in type, well on in the letter C. This progress has enabled us to establish an agency in Madrid for the purchase of books in accordance with the terms of Mr. Ticknor's bequest. Each sheet as printed is sent to our agent, showing what the

Library already possesses of the authors so far enumerated, thus affording direction in buying which could not easily have been given earlier. Arrangements have been made with Señor Don Juan F. Riaño to conduct this agency, and the selection of this agent had the countenance of Mr. Ticknor's old friend, the well-known Spanish scholar, Don Pascual de Gayangos. Invoices from the agency have already arrived.

Second. The cataloguing of the Barton collection has been pushed forward through perhaps a third of the volumes of the Shakespearian portion of it. This Library has been rearranged in its new room, under the charge of Mr. Knapp, and is at present available in every way for reference. The bibliographical Shakespearian notes have been continued as before in the Superintendent's monthly reports.

Of the less critical work in the Catalogue Department for the year, there has been a new supplement printed to the Dorchester Branch Catalogue, and a new edition of the list of books in foreign languages in the Lower Hall.

A second edition of the Catalogue of the Roxbury Branch is now in the press. It will make an octavo, double-columned volume of about 300 pages, and will afford, when completed, the opportunity of testing at a Branch the efficacy of notes for readers in elevating the character of the reading, as it will be supplied with helps similar to those which were given in the Lower Hall Catalogue of History, Biography, and Travel, and which have had such marked effect in the Central Library. The notes for the Roxbury Catalogue are of more confined scope than the others, since the collection of books is so ; but it is hoped that they are on that account perhaps better suited to a general public. There have been several partial imitations of these notes in the catalogues of other libraries ; but in only one, that of the Public Library at Quincy, Mass., has the method been carried out systematically and with approximate completeness. The results in that Library have been similarly for the good of the readers as in this Library, and its notes have served as a check-list in the preparation of those in the Roxbury Catalogue.

When the note intended for that catalogue under the head of England had been prepared, it was decided to print it separately, with large type, on broadside sheets, for posting in the Lower Hall and at the several Branches. For this purpose blank spaces were left after the titles, to be filled for each department with the shelf-numbers of such of the books named as might be in it. At the present writing these sheets have been posted in the several Libraries, and other sets have been bound up and made accessible as the ordinary catalogues are. The plan seems to promise well

for success, and the results will be carefully looked for. As they were equally adapted to all Libraries having the books, copies of these notes have been sent to various Libraries in this country and in England, with a request to be apprised of the effects they may produce, as it seemed desirable to compare results here with those in other places. There has already been call for other lists similarly prepared; but the expense of printing may not be justified the present year.

The work upon the newspaper catalogue has been kept up to date, and, as subsidiary helps, a record has been made of files which are preserved in the Libraries of the Athenæum and of the Historical Society, partly to guide the inquiries of persons seeking beyond what we have, and partly to prevent increasing our collection by the purchase of bulky accessions, when other accessible Libraries can supply what is wanted. This, with a chronological index to our files, which shows at a glance all newspapers covering a particular year, puts our Library in a position to be ordinarily of as much service to the searcher of newspapers as any other Library, perhaps, in the country, though its collection of newspapers is surpassed in extent by that of the Boston Athenæum, the Library of Congress, the American Antiquarian Society, and the Massachusetts Historical Society. Our newspaper collection now numbers about 3,000 volumes.

The card catalogues have, as before, come in for a large share of the work, which is out of sight to the public. In the official catalogue the cards have all now been reduced to the size in use since the adoption of the printed system. The work in connection with this catalogue, which has been done with much disadvantage, will hereafter be more easily performed in the new room for the cases, which is now in process of erection.

Up to the 4th of August the printed broadside sheets were continued, and cut up into nearly 2,000 titles, from 22 sheets of over 80 titles each, all of which were more or less duplicated for cross-references. At this time a change was made, by which it was calculated that half the cost and half the delay would be saved. The titles were written with prepared ink, 20 to a sheet, and by a new process the autograph was transferred upon either a lithographer's stone or a gelatine plate, from which impressions were taken with ordinary printers' ink upon the necessary number of sheets of Bristol board. These being cut up by a machine were converted at once, without the labor of dissecting and pasting sheets, into cards ready for the catalogue, so far as the main entries are concerned, and only needing the inscription of the cross-reference heading for the others. Of

this kind 250 different sheets, with 20 titles to the sheet, have been used, averaging about 11 duplicates to each sheet. Beside this, 17 sheets of conglomerate pamphlet titles have been cut up. In this way 55,683 cards have been distributed during the year, beside 15,662 cards, upon which titles have been pasted from the printed catalogues of the Central Library, in accordance with the plan explained last year of embodying in the card catalogue on the floor of the Bates Hall, the titles of every book in the Central Library. The total shows the large number of 71,345 cards thus deposited in this catalogue during the year.

The cataloguing of the Lower Hall, for index purposes in that hall, and the cataloguing of the several Branches, has gone on as usual, and is not included in the foregoing enumeration of cards.

There is pressing need of new printed catalogues for the East Boston, South Boston and the Charlestown Branches; but the narrowness of our appropriation hardly renders it possible to provide them the present year. Meanwhile brief title manuscript lists of all the books added to these Branches since the printing of their respective catalogues have been written off on sheets, which have been posted in the respective Branches, affording a convenient finding-list to be used on the spot.

The large demand has used up the third edition of the "Hand-book for Readers," and a new one — the fourth — was issued in March, 1876, bringing down the affairs of the Library to the date of issue.

The list of benefactors in Appendix XI, still shows that we receive the gratifying consideration of our friends. Among the most important acts of this kind for the year has been the expressed intention of the Hon. Henry L. Pierce, our representative in Congress, to fill the deficiency in our American Patent Records, between the old and the new series, which could only be done by the purchase of the larger kind of drawings and specifications which are not distributed to Libraries. Owing to delays in the Patent Office these volumes have not yet been received.

Just upon the eve of his last visit to Europe, the Hon. Robert C. Winthrop suggested to me the making of efforts to secure for the city the gold medal which was given to Washington to commemorate the evacuation of the town by the British troops in 1776. Through a gentleman in Washington it was learned that the medal could be had at an outlay of \$10,000, but on reporting the facts to the Board, in February, 1875, the price was deemed too high for the accomplishment of the purchase, and the negotiations were

carried no further. Later, on Mr. Winthrop's return from Europe, they were resumed, as explained in the memorial volume, published by the city, containing the account of the celebration of the 17th of March, 1876, where the documentary vouchers of its authenticity and the original subscription list for its purchase have been printed. These, with the medal itself, were delivered by the Mayor to the President of the Trustees, the day following the celebration, and were deposited in the Library the same day.

In the exposition at Philadelphia the Library will exhibit its Catalogues, its Documentary History, and a volume showing its blanks of administration, making fifteen volumes in all, and bound in a variety of styles, in the Library bindery. They form a part of the show made under the auspices of State Board of Education.

An arrangement has been made with Mr. E. F. Hovey, of Philadelphia, to collect for the Library all the printed matter fit to be preserved as a memorial of the Centennial Celebration.

In conclusion, I must refer you to the following tables as indicating in many respects the ascendancy which the institution still maintains among American Libraries. Its three hundred thousand volumes still rank it with the most extensive. Its circulation of nearly a million issues shows an increase of twenty-five per cent. over last year, and presents an aggregate of figures unapproached except at a great distance. The loss of one hundred volumes from this immense number of issues indicates that on the average nearly ten thousand volumes can be delivered with almost entire immunity from loss, while supplying the wants of a community of three hundred and fifty thousand souls; where the sections are of a population more homogeneous, as is the case with the local communities dependent upon our Branches, the issues which may maintain this freedom from depredation can be reckoned by even hundreds of thousands. I beg to commend to your attention these and other deductions from the tables of the Appendix.

Respectfully submitted,

JUSTIN WINSOR,
Superintendent.

MAY 5, 1876.

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TO THE
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

1876.

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APPENDIX I.

EXTENT OF THE LIBRARY BY YEARS.

YEARS.	Total Volumes in the Libraries.	CENTRAL LIBRARY.				East Boston Branch.	South Boston Branch.	Roxbury Branch.			Charlestown Branch.	Brighton Branch.	Dorchester Branch.	West Roxbury Branch.	Pamphlets added from the beginning.
		Bates Hall.	Lower Hall.	News-paper Room.	Duplicate Room.			City Part.	Fellowes Athenaeum.	Total.					
1.. 1852-53	9,688	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	961
2.. 1853-54	16,221	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,950
3.. 1854-55	22,617	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,507
4.. 1855-56	28,080	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12,386
5.. 1856-57	34,896	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16,053
6.. 1857-58	70,851	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17,938
7.. 1858-59	78,043	60,420	15,819	...	1,804	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19,255
8.. 1859-60	85,032	66,228	17,000	...	1,804	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20,707
9.. 1860-61	87,386	75,217	19,161	...	3,008	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27,381
10.. 1861-62	105,034	79,359	20,881	...	4,794	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28,874
11.. 1862-63	110,563	82,801	22,325	...	5,237	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31,043
12.. 1863-64	116,934	88,226	23,592	...	5,116	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31,837
13.. 1864-65	123,016	93,172	24,860	...	4,984	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32,553
14.. 1865-66	130,678	100,171	25,365	...	5,141	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36,566
15.. 1866-67	136,080	105,735	*23,199	...	5,146	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	44,443
16.. 1867-68	144,092	111,981	26,606	...	5,805	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47,254
17.. 1868-69	152,796	117,967	28,723	...	6,106	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	61,177
18.. 1869-70†	160,573	124,419	29,909	...	6,245	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	74,770
19.. 1870-71	179,250	135,786	30,574	...	*6,954	5,936	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	89,746
20.. 1871-72	192,958	142,685	31,827	...	*7,314	6,767	4,365	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100,383
21.. 1872-73	209,456	149,477	32,605	2,111	*8,183	7,291	5,174	3,760	865	4,615	...	...	...	...	112,153
22.. 1873-74	209,550	168,748	32,590	2,212	9,490	7,812	5,807	4,793	2,195	6,988	15,788	11,037	74	24	134,628
23.. 1874-75	276,918	175,422	33,395	2,604	9,938	8,383	6,522	6,043	2,797	8,810	16,690	11,442	3,959	43	150,921
24.. 1875-76	297,573	184,938	35,152	2,939	11,321	9,087	7,288	7,181	3,524	10,705	17,394	11,911	7,100	82	181,653

* Actual count. † Nine months.

NOTE. The figures under West Roxbury are reservations from duplicates for such prospective Branch.

NOTE. — The aggregate of pamphlets "added from the beginning" includes many since bound, singly or in groups (which are now counted among volumes), and a very large number of duplicates, which are thrown out and put among the pamphlets held for exchange.

APPENDIX II.

YEARLY INCREASE OF THE WHOLE LIBRARY BY PURCHASE
AND BY GIFTS.

NOTE. — The increase of volumes is not the sum of those added by gift and purchase, etc., because lost and condemned books are deducted.

YEARS.		Increase. (Net after 1861.)		Gifts.		Purchases, including those charged to funds and added by exchange.		Fellowes Athenæum.†	Donors, excluding anonymous.
		Vols.	Pamph.	Vols.	Pamph.	Vols.	*Pamph.	Vols.	
1	1852-53	9,688	961	4,000	961	5,688	. . .	. . .	75
2	1853-54	6,533	2,989	2,152	2,989	4,381	. . .	. . .	105
3	1854-55	6,396	2,557	2,663	2,468	3,733	89	. . .	153
4	1855-56	5,463	5,879	1,865	5,330	3,598	549	. . .	126
5	1856-57	6,816	3,667	1,686	3,646	5,130	21	. . .	132
6	1857-58	35,955	1,885	30,214	1,885	5,741	. . .	. . .	381
7	1858-59	7,192	1,317	3,405	1,317	3,787	. . .	. . .	247
8	1859-60	6,989	1,452	3,744	1,452	3,245	. . .	. . .	207
9	1860-61	16,948	6,674	12,209	6,656	4,649	18	. . .	242
10	1861-62	7,391	1,493	1,274	1,493	6,117	. . .	. . .	234
11	1862-63	5,529	2,169	829	1,958	4,700	212	. . .	194
12	1863-64	6,225	2,939	1,081	2,772	5,145	167	. . .	219
13	1864-65	6,082	1,516	804	1,926	5,178	490	. . .	328
14	1865-66	7,662	4,013	1,476	3,342	6,286	671	. . .	336
15	1866-67	5,303	7,877	1,465	7,769	7,732	108	. . .	300
16	1867-68	7,673	2,811	1,554	2,513	6,396	298	. . .	342
17	1868-69	8,685	13,923	2,138	10,984	6,531	2,939	. . .	649
18	1869-70	7,775	13,593	1,643	10,228	6,129	3,365	. . .	666
19	1870-71	18,099	14,976	9,750	10,805	8,349	4,171	. . .	604
20	1871-72	13,708	10,637	4,349	5,831	9,339	4,806	. . .	610
21	1872-73	14,644	11,770	3,939	8,060	10,705	3,710	865	601
22	1873-74	51,094	22,475	4,783	17,138	18,671	5,337	1,330	739
23	1874-75	16,372	16,293	4,169	15,899	17,080	394	572	1,091
24	1875-76	20,955	30,732	5,749	5,891	15,206	24,841	759	694

* Includes pamphlets added both by purchase and exchange, as taken from the Accession Catalogue.

† Included in previous columns. These volumes are not the property of the Public Library, but form a part of the Roxbury Branch by agreement.

(6) Of the increase, 24,618 were the Bates gift.

(9) Of the increase, 11,721 were the Parker bequest.

(19) 3,774 volumes of the Ticknor bequest, and 2,682 from the Sumner Library Association, are included in the increase.

(20) 1,471 volumes from the Mattapan Literary Association are included in the increase.

(22) The increase of this year includes the totals of the libraries at Charlestown and Brighton, and also, under purchases, the Barton Library.

(24) The purchases of this year include thirty volumes to replace books in the Bates Hall long lost. The great accession of pamphlets came from the purchase of duplicates from Harvard College library.

APPENDIX III.

EXTENT OF THE BATES HALL COLLECTION IN VOLUMES.

	1867	1868	1869	1870	1871	1872	1873	1874	1875	1876
The General Library	87,658	93,553	101,428	107,724	115,232	121,709	126,207	133,585	140,379	145,147
Patent Library							2,120	2,323	||2,457	2,596
Bowditch Library*	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542	2,542
Parker Library*	†11,907	11,907	11,907	11,907	11,907	11,907	11,907	11,907	11,935	12,292
Prince Library	1,952	1,952	1,952	1,952	†1,970	1,970	1,970	1,970	1,970	1,970
Tieknor Library					3,774	\$3,307	3,907	3,907	3,940	4,285
Barton Library								12,057	11,902	**12,108
Entered on the Accession Catalogue, but not yet located	1,678	1,327	140	294	361	651	829	187	. . . . .	591
Condemned	105,737	111,281	117,969	124,419	135,786	142,686	149,482	166,453	175,125	181,531
	0	0	2	0	0	1	5	0	3	2
Total	105,737	111,281	117,967	124,419	135,786	142,685	149,477	166,453	175,122	181,529

* See Appendix IX.

† Including 186 duplicates, which are boxed and stored in the basement.

‡ Including 18 vols. of MSS.

\$ Includes 31 vols. of MSS., as bound.

|| Included before 1873 in the General Library. Now in charge of a special Curator.

** The number given in 1874 was as near as could be reckoned before the entry on the Accession Catalogue was made.

†† The number given in 1875 is what had actually been entered, and the full number is given this year.

NOTE.—Of the volumes lost from the Bates Hall some reappear each year, while a few in excess disappear, increasing the aggregate loss a little, so that it is probable the figures of the Bates Hall collection are a trifle in excess of what an actual count would indicate.

APPENDIX IV.

EXTENT OF THE LOWER HALL COLLECTION.

	1867	1868	1869	1870	1871	1872	1873	1874	1875	1876
Reported the preceding year		25,199	26,606	28,723	29,909	30,574	31,827	32,605	32,596	33,395
Added during the year		2,003	2,469	1,417	2,780	2,614	1,799	1,465	2,385	3,570
Total		27,202	29,075	30,140	32,689	33,188	33,626	34,070	35,981	36,965
Books transferred to Bates Hall		339	93	19	23	7	1	6	37	394
Books transferred to Branches					859	535	342	166	10	
Condemned during the year		257	259	212	1,233	819	678	1,308	2,539	1,419
Total left . .	*25,199	26,606	28,723	29,909	30,574	31,827	32,605	32,596	33,395	35,152

* Actual count.

NOTE. — There have been, since the last actual count in 1867, between one and two hundred volumes irrecoverably lost in the Lower Hall. Perhaps an equal number are to be classed as 'unaccounted for,' but may reappear.

APPENDIX V.

SALE DUPLICATES AND ODD VOLUMES.

(Not including the Parker duplicates, or a large lot of odd and imperfect volumes of books, not likely to have the missing volumes supplied, which are boxed up at intervals.)

	1867	1868	1869	1870	1871	1872	1873	1874	1875	1876
Number at beginning of year . .	4,955	5,146	5,805	6,106	. . .	6,954	7,314	8,183	9,490	9,938
Added during the year	714	1,004	847	443	383	996	1,375	1,641	1,234	1,902
	5,669	6,150	6,652	6,549	. . .	7,950	8,689	9,824	10,724	11,840
Disposed of . . .	523	345	546	304	234	636	506	334	786	†1,519
Total	5,146	5,805	6,106	6,245	*6,954	*7,314	*8,183	9,490	9,938	*11,321

* This number is by an actual count of the serviceable volumes now arranged in our Duplicate Room; and it includes one hundred and fifty-eight volumes of newspapers.

† Of these 491 were parted with on exchange account, and the others transferred to different departments of the Library.

NOTE. — There are also of pamphlets some forty thousand duplicates, arranged and ready for exchanges. Libraries are invited to make such exchanges.

APPENDIX VI.

INCREASE OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS.

		1868	1869	1870	1871	1872	1873	1874	1875	1876	
Bates Hall.	{	Gain in located books (App. VIII.)	6,297	7,475	6,296	7,508	10,384	6,622	6,198	6,564	9,227
		Of these not located at last Report	1,678	1,327	140	294	4,135	651	829	187	. .
	{	Added and located	4,619	6,148	6,156	7,214	6,249	5,971	5,369	6,377	9,227
		Added and not located	1,327	140	294	4,135	651	829	*12,244	. . .	591
	{	Total gain	5,946	6,288	6,450	11,349	6,900	6,800	17,613	6,377	9,818
		Condemned . . . . .	. . .	2	. . .	. . .	1	5	. . .	3	2
{	Net gain	5,946	6,290	6,450	11,349	6,899	6,795	17,613	6,374	9,816	
Lower Hall.	{	Gain in located books	2,003	2,469	1,417	2,780	2,614	1,799	1,465	3,385	3,570
		Less transfers and condemned books	596	352	231	2,115	1,361	1,021	1,480	2,586	1,813
	{	Net gain	1,407	2,117	1,186	665	1,253	778	15 (loss)†	799	1,757
Newspaper Room.	{	Gain in located books . . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	254	101	402	335	
		Less loss . . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
{	Net gain . . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	254	101	402	335	
Duplicate Room.	{	Gain by addition . . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	1,375	1,641	1,234	1,902	
		Less loss by exch's, etc. . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	506	334	786	519	
	{	Net gain	659	301	139	149	360	869	1,307	448	1,383
E. Boston Branch.	{	Gain in located books . . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	5,936	881	621	664	915	917
		Condemned and lost . . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	50	97	143	334	273
	{	Net gain . . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	5,936	831	524	521	581	644
S. Boston Branch.	{	Gain in located books . . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	885	850	1,359	1,261	
		Condemned and lost . . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	76	217	644	495	
{	Net gain . . . . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	4,365	809	633	715	766	

* Includes 12,057 (close estimate) of the Barton books, and 187 other volumes.

† The condemnations have been large for the year, the transfers few; but their combined excess over the gains, which are exceptionally small on account of the few books published in this country, shows, for the first time, an absolute loss for the year.

APPENDIX VI.—*Continued.*

		1868	1869	1870	1871	1872	1873	1874	1875	1876
Rox. Branch.	{ Gain in city part . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	3,754	1,069	1,296	1,299
	{ Condemned and lost . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	4	26	46	163
	{ Net gain . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	3,750	1,043	1,250	1,136
	{ Fellowes Athenæum . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	865	1,330	572	759
	{ (Net gain.) . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...
	{ Total gain . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	4,615	2,373	1,822	1,895
Chm. Branch.	{ Gain in located books . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	15,932	1,305	1,004
	{ Condemned and lost . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	144	403	300
	{ Net gain . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	15,788	902	704
Bri. Branch.	{ Gain in located books . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	11,049	480	599
	{ Condemned and lost . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	75	130
	{ Net gain . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	11,037	405	469
Dor. Branch.	{ Gain in located books . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,905	3,179
	{ Condemned and lost . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
	{ Net gain . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	54	3,905	3,147
W. Rox. Branch	{ Duplicates reserved for this Branch . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	19	39
Total Increase.	{ Bates Hall gain	5,946	6,290	6,450	11,349	6,899	6,795	19,271	6,374	9,816
	{ Lower Hall gain	1,407	2,117	1,186	665	1,253	778	(loss) 15	799	1,737
	{ News-paper Room gain						254	101	402	335
	{ Duplicate Room gain	659	301	139	149	360	869	1,307	448	1,383
	{ E. B. Branch gain				5,936	831	524	521	581	644
	{ S. B. Branch gain					4,365	809	633	715	766
	{ Rox. Branch gain						3,750	1,043	1,250	1,136
	{ Fellowes Athenæum gain						865	1,330	572	759
	{ Chm. Branch gain							15,788	902	704
	{ Bri. Branch gain							11,037	405	469
	{ Dor. Branch gain							54	3,905	3,147
	{ W. R. Branch gain							24	19	39
	{ Total gain	8,012	8,708	7,775	18,099	13,708	14,644	51,094	16,372	20,955

APPENDIX VII.

INCREASE FROM NEWLY PUBLISHED BOOKS.

	1867	1868	1869	1870	1871	1872	1873	1874	1875	1876
English Books with British imprint . .	635	708	625	811	899	1,096	1,389	1,294	1,533	2,830
English Books with American imprint .	1,154	1,445	1,435	1,411	2,296	3,642	4,391	3,897	7,365	10,501
English Books with Continental imprint	104	190	80	50	48	115	291	125	375	316
Foreign books	529	673	789	487	561	831	1,064	858	767	1,858
Duplicates of either class, when not included in the other items	97	. . .	447	248	480	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
Total	2,529	2,926	3,396	3,007	4,194	5,744	7,045	6,984	10,040	15,995

APPENDIX VIII.

VOLUMES LOCATED IN BATES HALL, BY MONTHS.

MONTHS.	1868-69	1869-70	1870-71	1871-72	1872-73	1873-74	1874-75	1875-76
May	758	. . .	727	455	584	357	383	830
June	509	. . .	480	464	584	527	477	845
July	1,037	. . .	462	291	631	839	713	829
August	383	347	520	518	554	495	560	566
September	713	833	378	511	457	436	622	1,036
October	866	697	546	295	520	414	590	692
November	443	763	695	*4,528	489	377	722	925
December	639	632	905	651	646	507	758	567
January	626	834	427	611	658	665	427	579
February	563	633	706	724	456	594	349	645
March	521	382	1,091	788	551	472	419	752
April	417	1,175	661	†598	492	605	544	1,000
Total	7,475	6,296	7,598	10,384	6,622	6,198	6,564	9,226
Pamphlet volumes arranged by the Curator . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	385	654	206	159	317

* 3,876 are books of the Ticknor Library, then assigned to permanent places.

† Includes 31 vols. of the Ticknor MSS.

NOTE.—These monthly figures are the results of the tables made out year by year, like the one constituting Appendix VI for 1869. The figures for May, June, and July, 1868-69, should follow those for April of the same year. They were misplaced to adapt the table to a change of the Library year.

Pamphlets.—During the year the Curator of pamphlets has continued the arrangement of all the loose pamphlets by subjects, etc., in the Cabinet Room; and such as were duplicates and not needed have been arranged in adjacent apartments.

APPENDIX IX. BATES HALL CLASSIFICATIONS. (Not including volumes added, but not yet located.)

SPECIAL LIBRARIES.					Class No.	CLASSES.	GENERAL LIBRARIES.										Total of Bates Hall, Including the Special Libraries.			
1858.	1861.	1866.	1871.	1873.			Library.	Patent Library.	Ticknor Library.	Prince Library.	Library.	Located 1867.	Located 1868.	Located 1869.	Located 1870.	Located 1871.		Located 1872.	Located 1873.	Located 1874.	Located 1875.	Located 1876.	May 1, 1876.
Bowditch Library.	244	276	6	...	19	...	I. Cyclopaedias, etc.	24	86	19	22	22	32	10	9	13	16	1,279	1,824	
	32	546	3	247	611	...	II. Bibliography and Literary History .	170	231	326	271	278	235	205	166	178	179	4,654	6,143	
	16	650	54	8	95	...	III. Gen. History, Biography, Travel and Geography	170	140	181	157	223	284	199	210	240	285	4,992	5,813	
	96	711	624	168	728	176	IV. American History, Geography, Biog- raphy, Travel, and Polite Literature	515	1,168	1,438	918	1,305	911	983	962	1,386	1,265	20,755	23,258	
	75	573	69	16	3,008	2,209	V. English History, Geography, Biog- raphy, Travel, and Polite Literature .	493	762	739	767	1,018	635	605	712	611	953	16,472	22,422	
	59	413	7	49	2,393	211	VI. French History, Geography, Biog- raphy, Travel, and Polite Literature .	188	335	413	207	263	443	530	433	271	848	9,846	12,969	
	9	291	2	30	304	...	VII. Italian History, Geography, Biog- raphy, Travel, and Polite Literature .	87	229	189	169	238	249	60	198	147	520	6,609	7,305	
	7	1,257	8	18	239	...	VIII. Germanic History, Geography, Biog- raphy, Travel, and Polite Literature	228	159	266	222	250	250	260	210	184	264	5,551	7,110	
	6	1,123	196	121	612	...	IX. Greek, Latin, and Philology	190	109	112	97	107	82	123	98	114	116	4,021	6,079	
	20	82	...	2,937	199	...	X. Spanish and Portuguese History, and Literature . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	27	47	57	25	81	768	4,006
	2	369	1	...	203	...	XI. Other History, Geography, Biog- raphy, Travel, and Literature	214	216	189	160	262	176	222	143	148	289	3,981	4,566	

908	708	5	125	470	...	XII.	Periodicals and Transactions	314	341	507	445	500	337	394	208	222	769	14,301	16,517
144	3,243	872	331	232	...	XIII.	Theology, Ecclesiastical History, etc.	968	595	836	617	985	496	620	672	684	757	14,261	19,086
5	1,247	49	77	119	...	XIV.	Metaphysics and Social Science . . .	185	343	429	444	378	233	324	290	397	368	6,056	7,553
3	307	13	46	28	...	XV.	Jurisprudence	145	161	111	112	114	106	115	109	115	190	3,147	3,544
65	98	...	15	17	...	XVI.	Political Economy	79	66	118	75	130	58	101	97	148	88	1,552	1,747
3	66	22	...	12	...	XVII.	Medical Science	370	556	706	515	365	669	747	440	570	400	9,422	9,535
14	124	...	...	90	...	XVIII.	Natural History and Science	155	170	172	212	101	331	289	188	223	182	1,883	2,111
824	90	20	53	46	...	XIX.	Mathematics and Physical Sciences .	312	318	304	449	485	434	323	301	263	355	7,878	8,911
4	9	...	22	...	...	XX.	Useful Arts	96	116	119	102	76	181	256	255	174	273	2,439	2,474
...	29	1	...	59	...	XXI.	Fine Arts	197	205	193	338	253	215	201	162	215	379	4,718	4,807
6	...	...	...	73	...	XXII.	Bound Volumes of Miscellaneous Pamphlets . . . . .	...	...	15	6	5	8	9	5	9	...	430	509
...	...	18	31	3	...	XXIII.	Bound Volumes of Manuscripts . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	49	1	...	9	50	111
...	...	...	...	2,550	...	XXIV.	Shakespeare . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,550
2,542	12,292	1,970	4,285	12,108	2,506	...	Totals	5,109	6,297	7,475	6,246	7,508	6,477	6,622	5,965	6,383	8,626	145,147	180,949

EXPLANATION. — Class III includes General History, Universal Biographies, Histories of East, Voyages and Travels, when embracing several countries, and collected works of historians. Class IV includes North and South American History, Histories of Americans, Geographies of Americans, Voyages and Travels in America, with the collected works of American writers, and what of American Literature is sometimes termed Polygraphy.

Class V, CLASS VI, CLASS VII, CLASS VIII. — These have the same scope for the respective countries that Class IV has for America. Class VIII includes also Belgium, the Netherlands and Switzerland, as also the Scandinavian nations.

Class IX includes Russia, Greece, Turkey, with Asia, Africa, Australia, Polynesia, etc.

Class X includes Social Science, and Ethics applied and unapplied, Intellectual Science, Education, Rhetoric, Philology, etc.

Class XI includes Mathematics, Music, and the Arts.

Class XII includes all such pamphlet volumes as may have been received from time to time, and are generally too heterogeneous in their make-up to be classed otherwise than by themselves.

Class XIII includes only the Shakespeare collection of the Patent Library, and not that of the General Library.

The subdivisions of classes are kept in ranges by themselves, so that for purposes of enumeration or lending percentage of use, it is practicable at any time to get exact figures upon the subdivisions; as also upon such points as Biography, Travel and Voyages, etc., by summing the results of the ranges devoted to them in the several above.

NOTE. — The above figures of the special collections, excepting the Patent Library, which is yearly increased, exhibit them as when received in the Public Library, and assigned to our shelves. Those have been since then some small additions to them, chiefly from continuations of serials; but such accessions are counted in the classes of the General Library, though the books are bound with the special collection. The increase of the Patent Library will hereafter be considerable from the fund left by the donor; but the accession will appear in this table under the increase of the General Library.

The annual percentage of use of the books is included in the last column of the Special Libraries, and not in the yearly locations of the General Library. The column of May 1, 1876, does not include the totals of the Patent Library, or of the other special libraries.

APPENDIX X.

LOWER HALL CLASSIFICATIONS.

CLASSES.	1807	1808	1809	1870	1871	1872	1873	1874	1875	1876						To be deducted.				Total May 1, 1876.
	Total Aug. 1.	Total Aug. 1.	Total Aug. 1.	Total May 1.	Total May 1.	Total May 1.	Total May 1.	Total May 1.	Total May 1.	New books added.	Duplicates added.	Condemned bks replaced.	Total added, 1874-75.	Transferred to B. H.	Transferred to Branches.	Condemned.				
Theology, Moral and Intellectual Science, etc.	1,488	1,509	1,661	1,703	1,753	1,806	1,802	1,792	1,822	39	3	8	50	..	..	19	1,853	
Jurisprudence and Political Science	270	276	280	283	293	275	285	294	301	18	4	2	24	..	..	3	322	
Medicine, Mathematics, Physics or Natural Science	1,706	1,778	1,835	1,808	1,908	1,948	2,043	2,098	2,116	55	19	25	99	3	..	21	2,191			
Useful and Fine Arts, Military and Naval Science	599	629	647	654	639	629	656	668	691	20	5	9	34	..	..	9	716	
American History and Politics	1,023	1,059	1,082	1,089	1,086	1,070	1,077	1,070	1,072	26	20	12	58	..	..	18	1,112	
Foreign History and Politics	1,333	1,374	1,387	1,401	1,363	1,359	1,354	1,362	1,380	28	1	9	38	9	..	17	1,392			
Poetry, Drama, Oratory, Rhetoric	2,268	2,344	2,534	2,576	2,467	2,529	2,544	2,540	2,572	72	22	50	144	..	..	49	2,667	
English Prose Fiction, including Juvenile Fiction, and other juvenile books	7,165	8,062	9,139	9,818	10,469	11,281	11,864	11,858	12,426	572	945	1,026	2,548	..	..	1,075	13,899	
Biography	2,342	2,323	2,300	2,336	2,298	2,281	2,246	2,234	2,278	41	37	28	106	2	..	35	2,347			
Travels	1,897	1,871	1,989	2,041	1,990	1,980	1,965	1,986	2,040	32	9	29	70	..	..	49	2,061	
Libraries, Collections, Periodicals, etc.* . .	2,621	2,798	3,115	3,306	3,478	3,771	3,827	3,728	3,698	128	94	116	338	2	..	106	3,928			
German Books	1,137	1,206	1,232	1,246	1,247	1,250	1,232	1,261	1,263	34	2	10	46	95	..	13	1,201			
Italian Books	221	221	221	224	226	226	227	228	229	..	..	..	..	24	..	2	293
French Books	1,343	1,104	1,191	1,209	1,209	1,213	1,232	1,244	1,241	7	1	3	11	259	..	1	992			
Spanish Books . . . . .	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Books of Reference	87	92	97	126	171	214	225	232	260	7	..	2	9	..	..	2	267	
Totals	25,199	26,606	28,723	29,909	30,574	31,827	32,005	32,596	33,395	1,979	1,162	1,329	3,570	394	..	1,419	35,152			

* This class, embracing sets like Bohn's "Libraries," etc., includes many books, of course, which, in a minute classification, would have been divided among all the previous heads of this table.

NOTE. — The column of "Condemned books replaced" includes books condemned in previous years as well as in the current year. The column "Total added" shows the number of volumes as put upon the shelves, counting as one those bound two volumes in one, etc.

APPENDIX XI.

DONATIONS MAY 1, 1875, TO APRIL 30, 1876.

Donors (excluding anonymous),	694
Volumes,	5,749
Pamphlets,	5,891

Note.—The income of the Library Funds is expended for books, which are credited yearly to the respective founders. See APPENDIX XXIII.

DONORS.	Vols.	Pphs.
Abbott Academy, <i>Andover</i> ,		1
Adams, <i>Hon.</i> Charles F.,	4	
Allen, Edward G., <i>London</i> ,		34
Alward, D. R., <i>Auburn, N. Y.</i> ,		4
American Academy of Arts and Sciences,	1	
American Association for the Advancement of Science, <i>Salem</i> ,	1	
American Baptist Missionary Association,	1	
American Bible Society,	3	6
American Congregational Union,		2
American Institute of Mining Engineers, <i>Easton, Pa.</i> ,	1	
American Museum of Natural History, <i>New York City</i> ,		1
American Pharmaceutical Association, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,	1	
American Philosophical Society, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,	1	
American Pomological Society,		3
American Society of Civil Engineers, <i>New York City</i> ,		1
Anonymous, 1 broadside, 117 newspapers,	49	92
Antioch College, <i>Yellow Springs, Ohio</i> ,		1
Appleton, William S.,	23	530
Apprentices Library Company, <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,		1
Association for the Relief of Respectable Aged Indigent Females, <i>New York City</i> ,		1
Astor Library, <i>New York City</i> ,		3
Asylum at Walnut Hill, <i>Hartford, Conn.</i> ,		1
Babbidge, <i>Rev.</i> Charles, <i>Pepperell</i> ,		4
Bagley, <i>Hon.</i> John J., <i>Lansing, Mich.</i> ,	2	2
Baird, Henry C., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,		8
Baker, <i>Benj. F.</i> , <i>Brookline</i> ,	1	
Baker, N. B., <i>Des Moines, Iowa</i> ,	1	
Baldwin Place Home for Little Wanderers,	2	4
Balfour, David M.,	38	
Baltimore, <i>Md.</i> , School Commissioners,	2	
Barber, <i>Rev.</i> George W., <i>Milwaukee, Wis.</i> ,		1
Barclay, James J., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,		5
Barker, <i>Mrs.</i> A. A.,	1	
Barker, Edward T.,	4	
Barlow, S. L. M., <i>New York City</i> ,	2	
Barnard, James M.,		24
Barnes, Loring B.,		1
Batchelder, Samuel, <i>Cambridge</i> ,		1
Bates, Phineas, <i>Jr.</i> ,	18	
Bell, <i>Hon.</i> Charles H., <i>Exeter, N. H.</i> ,	2	3

DONORS.	Vols.	Pphs.
Bell, William, Jr., <i>Columbus, Ohio</i> ,		1
Benedict, Miss, <i>Providence, R. I.</i> ,	1	
Benedict, G. G., <i>Burlington, Vt.</i> ,	1	
Bentley, John H., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,		1
Beverly Public Library,	1	
Billings, John S., <i>M. D., Washington, D. C.</i> ,	2	
Birmingham, <i>England</i> , Free Libraries Committee,		1
Bishop, Henry E.,	2	
Black, James W., 4 photographs,		
Blatchford, John S., 4 broadsides,		6
Blood, Hon. Hiram A., <i>Fitchburg</i> ,	1	
Bogart, Hon. William H., <i>Albany, N. Y.</i> ,	1	
Bolton, <i>England</i> , Free Library and Museum,		2
Bosson, George T.,	1	
Boston, City of,	16	2
—— Board of Fine Commissioners,	3	7
—— Board of Trade,	1	
—— Gas Light Company,	4	
—— Society for Medical Observation, 2 broadsides, 1 newspaper,		77
—— Society of Medical Sciences,		1
—— University,	1	1
Boston and Lowell Railroad Corporation,		8
Boutwell, Hon. George S., <i>Groton</i> ,	13	3
Bowditch, Henry L., <i>M. D.</i> ,	1	220
Bowdoin College, <i>Brunswick, Me.</i> ,		1
Bradford, Duncan,	1	
Bradford, George P.,	5	5
Bradlee, Rev. Caleb D., 18 broadsides, 9 letters, 109 newspapers, a lot of autographs,	9	86
Bradlee, J. Putnam, 5 maps,	112	109
Brewer, Thomas M., <i>M. D.</i> ,	29	79
Briggs, Daniel B., <i>Lansing, Mich.</i> ,	1	
Brigham, Charles B., <i>M. D., San Francisco, Cal.</i> ,	1	
Brigham, Rev. Charles H., <i>Ann Arbor, Mich.</i> ,	1	
Brigham, William T.,	3	4
Bright, Henry A., <i>Liverpool, England</i> ,	1	
British Museum, <i>London</i> ,	2	
Brookline Public Library,		1
Brooks, Alfred A., 1 broadside, 1 newspaper,	15	4
Brooks, Charles T., <i>Newport, R. I.</i> ,	1	
Brown, Buckminster, <i>M. D.</i> ,		1
Brown, Francis H., <i>M. D.</i> , 1 broadside,	1	25
Brown, Mrs. John Carter, <i>Providence, R. I.</i> ,	1	
Brown, Gen. John M., <i>Falmouth, Me.</i> ,		2
Brown, Samuel W., <i>Providence, R. I.</i> ,	2	
Brown, William, <i>Montreal</i> ,		3
Brown University, <i>Providence, R. I.</i> ,		1
Brunn, Dr. Chr., <i>Copenhagen</i> ,		2
Buffalo, N. Y., Board of Trade,		1
—— Historical Society,		1
Bullock, Hon. Alexander H., <i>Worcester</i> ,		1
Bunker Hill Monument Association, a plan, and various circulars,	2	
Burdge, F., <i>New York City</i> ,	1	
Burley District Lending Library, <i>Leeds, England</i> ,	1	
Burlingame, Hon. John,	1	
Burns, Mrs. Eliza B., <i>New York City</i> ,		2
Burr, Fearing, and George Lincoln, <i>Hingham</i> ,	1	
Burroughs, Rev. Henry,	1	
Butler Hospital for the Insane, <i>Providence, R. I.</i> ,		1

DONORS.	Vols.	Ppms.
California Institute for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind, <i>Oakland, Cal.</i> ,		1
Carpenter, Harvey, 15 broadsides,		
Carret, José F.,	1	
Cartée, Cornelius S., <i>M. D.</i> ,	4	
Carter, Sammel C., <i>Amherst</i> ,		2
Central Ohio Hospital for the Insane, <i>Glenwood, Ohio</i> ,		1
Chadwick, James R., <i>M. D.</i> ,	1	
Chambers, George E., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,	1	
Chambrun, Marquis Adolphe L. de, <i>Washington, D. C.</i> ,	1	
Champney, J. Wells,	1	
Chapman, Mrs. Maria W., <i>Weymouth</i> , 658 newspapers,	21	
Chicago, <i>Ill.</i> , Public Library,		1
Chicopee Library Committee,	1	
Children's Hospital,		1
Childs, George W., <i>Philadelphia, Pa.</i> ,	1	1
Christern, F. W., <i>New York City</i> ,	2	5
Christian Register Association,	1	
Citizens' Free Library, <i>Halifax, N. S.</i> ,	1	
Clafin, Ethan C., <i>Milford</i> ,		1
Clark, Henry G., <i>M. D.</i> ,	1	1
Clark, Samuel, <i>Northboro</i> ,		1
Clarke, Rev. James F., <i>Samokov, Bulgaria</i> ,	8	
Clarke, Robert, <i>Cincinnati, Ohio</i> ,	1	
Clarke Institution for Deaf Mutes, <i>Northampton</i> ,		1
Clockmakers' Company, <i>London</i> ,	1	
Cobb, Hon. Samuel C.,	1	
Cobb, Stephen S., <i>Lansing, Mich.</i> ,	1	
Cobden Club, <i>London</i> ,	21	
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Stewart, James H., <i>M. D.</i> , <i>Crawfordsville, Ind.</i> ,	1	
Stockwell, Stephen N.,		1
Stone, Rev. Edwin M., <i>Providence, R. I.</i> ,		1
Stowe, William T.,	1	
Streeter, Mrs. C. M.,	1	
Stuart, A. H. H., <i>Olympia, Washington Territory</i> ,		1
Sturgis, John H.,	6	20
Sturtevant, E. Lewis, <i>M. D.</i> , and J. N., <i>South Framingham</i> ,	2	
Suffolk District Medical Society,		1
Sumner, Charles A., <i>San Francisco, Cal.</i> ,		2
Swimney, E. Hazzard, <i>New York City</i> ,	21	21
Sydney, <i>New South Wales</i> , Free Public Library,		1
Syracuse, <i>N. Y.</i> , University,		1
Tennessee School for the Blind, <i>Nashville</i> ,		2
Tenney, Rev. E. P., <i>Ashland</i> , 44 newspapers,	194	160
Thayer, Miss Caroline C.,	2	
Thayer, Misses, and others,	333	

DONORS.	Vols.	Cops.
Thomas, Frank H.,		1
Thompson, <i>Rev. A. C., D. D.</i> ,	1	11
Thompson, <i>Rev. James W., D. D.</i> ,	1	
Thornton, J. Wingate,	3	
Thwing, S. C.,	23	
Ticknor, <i>Mrs. George</i> ,	2	
Times Publishing Company,	1	
Tinkham, J. G., <i>Somerset</i> ,		1
Titus, Charles H.,		3
Tobey, Phineas S.,	1	
Toner, Joseph M., <i>M. D., Washington, D. C.</i> ,		3
Towne, William B., <i>Milford, N. H.</i> ,	1	
Tracy, <i>Mrs. F. U.</i> ,	8	
Troy and Greenfield Railroad Company,		1
Tudor, Frederick,		1
Tufts College, <i>Medford</i> ,		4
Turner, Alfred T.,	5	
Tuttle, <i>Rev. Joseph F., D. D., Crawfordsville, Ind.</i> ,	9	31
Tyler, <i>Mrs. John S.</i> ,	1	
Union Theological Seminary, <i>New York City</i> ,		2
United States, Board of Indian Commissioners,	1	
— Bureau of Education,	2	8
— Bureau of Navigation,	3	
— Bureau of Statistics,	2	1
— Chief of Engineers,	6	
— Chief of Ordnance,	2	
— Commissioner of Agriculture,	2	
— Department of State,	2	
— Department of the Interior,	54	2
— Department of the Treasury,	1	
— Department of War,	1	
— Document Department,	26	2
— Library of Congress,	2	1
— Light-House Board,	1	
— Military Academy, <i>West Point, N. Y.</i> ,		1
— Naval Observatory,	2	
— Patent Office,	32	
— Signal Office,	8	
— Surgeon-General's Office,	1	
Universalist Sabbath School Union,		1
University of California, <i>Berkeley</i> ,	1	21
University of Pennsylvania, <i>Philadelphia</i> ,	1	
University of South Carolina, <i>Columbia</i> ,		2
Urbino, S. R.,	6	
Venezuela, Government of,	13	
Vermont Historical Society, <i>Montpelier</i> ,	1	
Vermont State Library,	4	1
Very, <i>Lieut. Edward W., Washington, D. C.</i> ,	1	
Vibbert, <i>Rev. George H., Somerville</i> ,	3	42
Vinton, Frederick, <i>Princeton, N. J.</i> , 1 broadside,		3
Wallace, <i>Capt. William</i> ,	6	
Walton, E. N., <i>Salem</i> ,	1	
Walworth Manufacturing Company,	1	
Ware, <i>Col. Henry</i> , 1 broadside,		
Warren, <i>Hon. William F.</i> ,	92	111
Washington and Lee University, <i>Lexington, Va.</i> ,		1
Waterston, <i>Rev. Robert C.</i> ,	1	
Watertown Free Public Library,		2
Watson, Nathaniel,	3	
Wayland Library Committee,		1
Webster, F. C., <i>Canton</i> ,		1
Weld, Moses W.,	2	

DONORS.	Vols.	Pphs.
Wells, David A., <i>New York City</i> ,	3	
Welsh, Leroy W., <i>Columbus, Ohio</i> ,		1
Western Lunatic Asylum of Virginia, <i>Staunton</i> ,		1
Wheeler, Rev., Charles H., <i>Winchendon</i> ,		1
Wheelwright, Edward,		1
Wheelwright, Mrs. L. O.,	74	101
Wheildon, William W., <i>Concord</i> , 3 broadsides, 2 newspapers,	1	4
White, Charles S.,	9	
White, James C., <i>M. D.</i> ,	1	171
White, Lyman,	16	
Whiting, John S., <i>M. D.</i> ,	1	
Whitman, Charles B., 40 newspapers,		
Whitmore, William H.,	3	
Whitney, Rev. Frederick A., 1 newspaper,	7	
Whitney, James A., <i>New York City</i> ,		2
Whitney, James L., 11 broadsides, 12 newspapers,	3	12
Whitney, Prof. Josiah D., <i>Cambridge</i> ,	1	
Whitney, L. P., <i>Cambridge</i> ,	11	5
Whitney, Prof. William D., <i>New Haven, Conn.</i> ,		1
Whitney and Adams, <i>Springfield</i> ,	26	
Wightman, William J., <i>Reading</i> ,		1
Willard Asylum for the Insane, <i>Waterloo, N. Y.</i> ,		1
Williams, Hon. J. L., <i>Fort Wayne, Ind.</i> ,	1	
Williams, James, <i>Columbus, Ohio</i> ,	1	
Williams College, <i>Williamstown</i> ,	1	
Wilson, Frank, <i>Columbus, Ohio</i> ,		1
Wilson, George B.,	2	
Wilson, J. Ormand, <i>Washington, D. C.</i> ,	1	
Wilson, Gen. James G., <i>New York City</i> ,	1	
Wilson, John B.,	3	
Winchester Home for Aged Women,		3
Winsor, Justin,	1	
Winthrop, Hon. Robert C., 2 photographs,	6	26
Wisconsin Historical Society, <i>Madison</i> ,		1
Wisconsin Institution for the Education of the Blind, <i>Janesville</i> ,		1
Withington, Moses, <i>Brookline</i> ,		1
Woburn Public Library,		1
Woman's Hospital, <i>Philadelphia</i> ,		1
Woman's Medical College of the New York Infirmary, <i>New York City</i> ,		1
Wood, C. B., <i>Middleborough</i> ,		1
Wood, Rev. F. P., <i>Acton</i> ,	1	
Wood, N. G., and Son,		2
Woodward, Frederick E.,	1	
Woodworth, John M., <i>M. D.</i> , <i>Washington, D. C.</i> ,	1	
Worcester County Musical Association, <i>Worcester</i> ,		1
Worcester Free Public Library,	1	2
Worthington, Flanders and Company,	2	
Wright, Elizur,	1	
Yale College, <i>New Haven, Conn.</i> ,		4
Young Men's Association, <i>Buffalo, N. Y.</i> ,		1
Young Men's Benevolent Society,		1
Young Men's Christian Association, <i>New York City</i> ,		2
Young Men's Christian Association, <i>Worcester</i> ,		1
Young Men's Christian Union,		1
Young Men's Institute, <i>Hartford, Conn.</i> ,		1
Young Men's Mercantile Library Association, <i>Cincinnati, Ohio</i> ,		1
Young Women's Christian Association,		1

APPENDIX XIII.

REGISTRATION.

Class No.	NOTE.—The first registration, 1854-8, had 17,006 names; the second, 1859-67, had 52,829 names.	THIRD REGISTRATION.									
		1868	1869	1870	1871	1872	1873	1874	1875	1876	Totals.
I.	Applications.	(<i>Central Library</i>)	12,057	6,400	6,577	7,096	6,638	6,670	8,016	7,885	63,922
		(<i>E. B. Branch</i> . . . . .)	...	...	...	2,320	993	836	1,344	866	7,250
		(<i>S. B. Branch</i> . . . . .)	...	...	...	...	232	3,094	1,666	1,255	7,807
		(<i>Rox. Branch</i> . . . . .)	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,475	1,446	6,321
		(<i>Chas. Branch</i>)	...	Previous Registration assumed.	...	...	...	633	1,070	1,219	2,982
		(<i>Bri. Branch</i>)	...	Previous Registration assumed.	...	...	...	108	263	229	610
		(<i>Dor. Branch</i> . . . . .)	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,349	1,077	2,426
		(<i>Total</i>)	12,057	6,400	6,577	9,416	7,913	10,590	15,292	14,598	97,388
		(<i>Central Library</i>)	2,810	3,462	1,904	3,040	2,876	3,419	3,612	3,906	28,999
		(<i>E. B. Branch</i> . . . . .)	...	...	...	1,012	474	266	463	476	3,118
II.	Applications sent to Police (for verification when needed).	(<i>S. B. Branch</i> . . . . .)	...	...	...	...	...	645	515	340	1,989
		(<i>Rox. Branch</i> . . . . .)	...	...	...	...	...	...	237	353	946
		(<i>Chas. Branch</i> . . . . .)	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	8	21
		(<i>Bri. Branch</i> . . . . .)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		(<i>Dor. Branch</i> . . . . .)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	53	89
		(<i>Total</i>)	2,810	3,462	1,904	4,052	3,350	4,330	4,868	5,136	23,162

APPENDIX XIII. — *Continued.*

REGISTRATION.

Class No.		THIRD REGISTRATION.									
		1868	1869	1870	1871	1872	1873	1874	1875	1876	Total.
III.	NOTE. — The first registration, 1864-8, had 17,666 names; the second, 189-67, had 52,829 names.										
	(<i>Central Library</i>)	233	202	179	241	207	288	287	283	244	2,224
	(<i>E. B. Branch</i> . . . . .)	...	...	...	80	28	10	12	15	18	163
	(<i>S. B. Branch</i> . . . . .)	...	...	...	...	...	64	36	18	10	128
	(<i>For. Branch</i> . . . . .)	...	...	...	...	...	...	89	51	25	165
	(<i>Chi. Branch</i> . . . . .)	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	9	1	13
	(<i>Br. Branch</i> . . . . .)	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	3
IV.	Cards refused (mostly for non-residency or under age).	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	7	14
	(<i>For. Branch</i> . . . . .)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	(<i>Total</i>)	233	202	179	321	285	362	430	383	305	2,710
	(<i>Central Library</i>)	852	589	404	383	439	409	291	280	224	3,831
	(<i>E. B. Branch</i> . . . . .)	...	...	...	117	151	93	90	84	34	563
	(<i>S. B. Branch</i> . . . . .)	...	...	...	...	...	179	65	60	50	354
	(<i>For. Branch</i> . . . . .)	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	102	63	182
IV.	Cards not called for during the year.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	52	38	90
	(<i>Chi. Branch</i> . . . . .)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	(<i>Br. Branch</i> . . . . .)	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
	(<i>For. Branch</i> . . . . .)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	17	67
	(<i>Total</i>)	852	589	404	510	590	681	804	578	426	5,094

APPENDIX XIII.—*Concluded.*

MEMORANDA.

MEMORANDA.	1872		1873		1874		1875		1876					
	TOTAL.	TOTAL.	TOTAL.	TOTAL.	TOTAL.	CENTRAL.	E. B.	S. B.	ROX.	CUN.	BRI.	DOR.	TOTAL.	
Largest weekly No. of applicants	202	435	630	672	269	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	47	10	37	59	
Month of this last	Oct.	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Jan.	Feb.	July.	
Smallest weekly No. of applicants	56	77	123	106	68		2	4	9	7	0	9	99	
Month of this last	May	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	July.	June.	June.	May.	June.	May.	Dec.	April.	
Weekly average	128	294	323	332	162		16	24	28	24	5	21	2-0	
Largest daily number	39	113	169	169	68		10	16	16	16	7	12	145	
Date of same	Feb. 28.	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	Jan. 22.	Feb. 19.	Jan. 15.	Dec. 28.	Feb.	
Smallest daily number	2	3	6	3	. . . . .	. . . . .	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Date of same	Sept. 18.	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	April.	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .
Cards reported lost	2,483	3,596	5,497	4,733	4,014		757	778	249	312	52	372	6,534	
Of these replaced	1,639	2,422	3,144	3,427	2,680		527	609	231	204	52	275	4,578	
Cards detained for fines	273	924	959	1,791	828		194	442	245	107	5	125	1,946	
Cancellation warnings	327	404	479	729	341		58	66	76	53	0	43	637	
Of these cards called for	63	45	172	397	97		24	17	13	15	0	17	183	

APPENDIX XIV.

BOOKS RECOMMENDED. USE OF BRITISH PATENTS AND
TOSTI ENGRAVINGS.

YEARS.	BOOKS RECOMMENDED.						USE OF PATENTS.		USE OF TOSTI ENGRAVINGS.					
	Total recom- mended.		Already in Library.		Received since.		Persons.	Hours' Use.	Citizens.		Strangers.		Total.	Copyists.
	Eng.	For.	Eng.	For.	Eng.	For.			Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.		
1854.	123	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1855.	221	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1856.	121	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1857.	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1858.	85	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1859.	178	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1860.	91	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1861.	115	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1862.	204	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1863.	135	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1864.	56	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1865.	58	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1866.	306	...	...	...	...	...	182	243	...	...	...	...	...	...
1867.	546	...	95	...	260	...	187	248	...	...	...	...	...	...
1868.	1,120	...	183	...	423	...	197	218	...	...	...	...	...	...
1869.	1,178	...	226	...	535	...	267	327	...	...	...	...	...	...
1870 (nine months)	1,231	...	257	...	448	...	331	589	...	...	...	...	...	...
1871.	1,665	...	418	...	549	...	346	389	...	...	...	...	...	...
1872.	*1,576	...	334	...	549	...	347	391	...	...	...	...	...	...
1873.	1,625	...	334	...	756	...	642	815	...	...	...	...	812	3
1874.	1,990	290	467	48	753	...	973	1,801	119	221	142	160	612	4
1875.	1,968	326	419	61	1,028	127	1,400	2,591	137	251	152	218	758	...
1876.	2,793	370	519	47	945	96	1,765	2,707	...	...	...	...	...	...
					1,635	126	2,104	3,204	74	142	55	156	427	...

* The partial disuse of the Bates Hall, on account of the alterations going on, affected this number.

NOTE. — The column of "Received since" denotes those received of the "Total recommended," the same year. What may be in subsequent years received of such "Total recommended" does not appear in this table. For instance, of the 1,120 — (83 + 423) = 514 not received in 1868 of the total recommended that year, a large part has been since received.

Patents. — The American, French and British Patents have now been placed in the new Patent Room, under charge of a Curator. The figures before 1874 in the table showed the use of the British Patents only.

Engravings. — The statistics refer only to the bound volumes, not to those framed and on the walls. The Curator shows them every day from 9 to 12.

APPENDIX XV.

BATES HALL READING.

CLASSIFICATIONS.	PERCENTAGE OF USE.													
	1868	1861	1862	1866	1867	1868	1869	1870	1871	1872	1873	1874	1875	1876
English History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature	17.5	16	13	18	20	17	17	17	17	12	19	16	15	15
American (North and South) History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature	6	8.5	10	8	12	12	12	12	12	10	12	11	11	12
French History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature	5	7.5	6	6	7	4	5	5	5	4	6	6	5	5
Germanic History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature	2.5	2	2.5	2	4	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	4	3
Italian History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature	4	2.5	2	3	3	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	2
Other History, Topography, Biography, Travel and Polite Literature	3.5	3.5	2.5	4	4	5	5	3	3	3	4	3	4	4
General and Epochal History, Geography, Biography, etc.	4.5	4.25	3	3	3	1	3	2	2	1	2	2	2	3
Greek, Latin and Philology	3	3.5	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	3	4	4	3
Bibliography	2.5	3	3	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Transactions	3	1.5	2.3	5	7	5	4	5	1	1	1	1	2	1
Periodicals	7	6	6	11	7	8	9	10	8	10	8	8	7	7
Fine Arts	9	12	16.5	8	5	8	8	8	9	11	10	11	11	10
Natural History and Science	4	4	4.6	3	3	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	3	3
Theology, Ecclesiastical History, Ethics, Education, etc.	11	11	8.5	4	4	8	9	8	11	14	10	11	11	10
Medicine	7	5	4.6	8	6	6	8	8	9	9	8	7	6	6
Law, Government, and Political Economy	1.5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	3
Useful Arts, Mathematics, Physics, etc.	5.5	5.5	7.5	7	8	7	6	5	6	8	5	6	7	9
Miscellaneous Pamphlets, bound	2	.75	.75	2	1	2	1	.3	.3	.3	2	2	.3	.3

NOTE — In computing this percentage, the use of books in the Bowditch, Parker, and Prince Libraries, — which are kept apart from the general classifications of the Library, — is reckoned as near as possible and included in the usual divisions, as is indicated in the table. See *Explanations* to Appendix IX.

APPENDIX XVI.

LOWER HALL READING.

Shown from slips of books returned.

Chas. No.	ALCOVES.	CLASSES.	1868		1869		1870 (Nine months.)		1871		1872		1873		1874		1875		1876	
			Loans returned.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Per cent.	Loans returned.	Per cent.
1	I, XI and ranges 8, 9, 10 of X, XX	Sciences, Arts, Professions .	10,522	7.4	11,436	6.97	7,607	4.9	12,662	5.7	15,996	6	12,757	6+	14,422	7	16,218	-7	20,665	7
2	II, XII	American History and Politics	2,553	1.8	2,682	1.63	2,071	1.4	2,270	1	2,096	-1	1,496	1	2,705	3	3,878	4	5,467	4
3	IX, XIX	Foreign History and Politics	3,039	2.1	3,221	1.96	2,286	1.5	2,702	1.2	2,715	1+	1,863	1	2,834	3	3,983	4	4,879	4
4	III, XIII	Poetry, Drama, Rhetoric Miscellaneous, Essays, etc..	3,692	2.6	2,461	1.5	2,441	1.5	5,954	2.7	8,019	4	7,651	7	8,636	4	9,704	4+	11,018	4
5	IV, XIV	Prose Fiction for adults and youths	105,227	74.2	125,273	76.36	120,855	78.4	107,604	77.2	173,438	76	154,835	74	158,453	71	163,657	69+	209,070	70
6	VII, XVII	Biography	3,641	2.6	4,570	2.78	4,025	2.7	5,108	2.2	4,106	2	2,641	1	5,027	3	7,415	3+	9,710	3
7	V, XV	Travels, Voyages, etc. . . .	3,289	2.3	5,263	3.26	5,154	3.4	6,062	2.8	4,998	3	3,631	1	6,290	3	8,649	4+	10,227	3
8	VI, XVI	Collections, Periodicals, etc..	5,941	4.2	4,550	2.77	5,747	3.8	11,530	5.2	14,815	6	17,167	8	15,563	7	15,106	6+	17,827	6
9	VIII, XVIII	French, German and Italian Books	3,978	2.8	4,482	2.73	3,637	2.4	4,431	2	2,691	1+	5,341	2	6,388	3	7,394	3	9,123	3
10	X, XX, except ranges, 8, 9, 10.	Totals	141,873	..	164,908	..	153,423	..	216,696	..	228,864	..	297,382	..	221,418	..	236,004	..	297,983	..

A comparison of this table with those showing the classifications of the Reading at the Branches indicates the beneficial effects of the notes in the Lower Hall Catalogue of History, Biography, and Travel, which has reduced materially the percentage of fiction used; while it is maintaining its old preponderance, and in some cases increases in the Branches.

NOTE.—The columns of "Loans returned" do not include the books taken and returned the same day.

APPENDIX XVII.

EAST BOSTON BRANCH READING.

Shown from slips of Books returned.

Class No.	RANGES.	CLASSES.	1872 (3 mos.)		1872		1873		1874		1875		1876	
			Books returned.	Percentage.	Books returned.	Percentage.	Books returned.	Percentage.	Books returned.	Percentage.	Books returned.	Percentage.	Books returned.	Percentage.
I.	10, 11, 12, 19, 21	Biography	639	3	1,104	1	729	1	1,216	1+	1,145	1+	1,381	2
II.	4, 33	Collections, Libraries, etc. . . .	552	2	1,002	1	632	1	801	1	819	-1	984	1
III.	24, 26, 28, 29, 30, 32, 34	Fiction in Prose	8,593	36	31,337	43	30,373	45	37,350	46	42,460	49+	44,513	49+
IV.	27	Foreign Books	27	-1	57	..	62	..	43	..	25	..	25	..
V.	13, 14, 18, 35	History	1,096	5	1,819	2	1,197	2	1,679	2+	1,830	2+	2,142	2+
VI.	1, 2	Juvenile Books	6,639	28	25,855	35	25,411	37	26,786	33	27,077	31+	28,085	31+
VII.	15, 20	Miscellaneous	747	3	1,256	2	798	1+	1,317	1+	1,292	1+	1,507	2
VIII.	5, 6, 7, 17, 37, 39, 40, 41, 43	Periodicals (<i>bound</i>)	1,119	5	4,099	6	3,914	6	4,786	-6	4,495	5+	4,854	6+
IX.	16, 22	Poetry and Drama	2,671	9	2,447	4	1,131	-2	2,296	2+	2,047	2+	2,689	3+
X.	3, 36, 38	Sciences, Arts, Professions	832	3	2,057	3	1,527	2	1,997	2	1,954	2+	2,070	2+
XI.	8, 9, 23	Travels, Voyages	1,179	5	2,296	3	1,863	3	2,241	-3	1,957	2+	2,021	2+
XII.	25	Patent Office Reports . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
		Totals	23,575	..	75,839	..	67,637	..	80,423	..	85,101	..	90,181	..

NOTE. — The classification in this Branch is somewhat different from that of the Lower Hall of the Central Library, where juvenile books are scattered among the other classes, as the character of the book, whether fiction, history, biography, etc., would require.

APPENDIX XVIII.

SOUTH BOSTON BRANCH READING.

CLASS No.	RANGES.	CLASSES.	1873		1874		1875		1876	
			Books returned.	Per-centage.	Books returned.	Per-centage.	Books returned.	Per-centage.	Books returned.	Per-centage.
I.	15, 16, 37, 38	American History and Biography .	2,604	-3	2,974	-3	3,188	-3	3,885	3+
II.	5, 6, 7, 8,	Foreign History and Biography .	1,867	2	2,242	2+	2,869	2+	2,423	2+
III.	33, 34, 36	Travels, Voyages	3,054	3+	3,302	3+	3,937	-4	3,961	3+
IV.	18, 28, 29	Professions	549	-1	455	-1	435	-1	550	-1
V.	25	Poetry and Drama	1,909	2	2,002	2+	1,989	1+	2,061	-2
VI.	31, 32, 39	Arts and Sciences	3,373	3+	3,454	3+	3,574	3+	3,183	-3
VII.	3, 4, 17, 20, 27, 30, 35	Miscellanies, Collections, etc.	3,162	3+	3,480	3+	3,509	3+	3,287	-3
VIII.	1, 2, 9, 19	Periodicals (<i>bound</i>)	4,140	4+	5,264	5+	4,388	-4	5,167	4+
IX.	11, 12, 13, 14, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27	Fiction and Juveniles	76,222	78	85,047	78+	88,532	-79	90,735	-79
X.	10	Patents	26	} -1	8	...	32	...	21	...
XI.	40	Foreign Languages	91		65	...	122	...	81	...
		Totals	96,797	...	10, 64	...	112,275	...	115,419	...

APPENDIX XIX.

ROXBURY BRANCH AND FELLOWS ATHENÆUM READING.

NOTE. — The two sections of this table refer to two different collections of books.

Rox. Br. Class No.	RANGES.	CLASSES.	1874		1875		1876	
			Books returned.	Percent- age.	Books returned.	Percent- age.	Books returned.	Percent- age.
I.	1, 3, 5, 7 .	Prose Fiction	28,575	-49	40,666	52	47,307	53
II.	2, 4	Travels	2,623	-5	2,555	3+	2,519	3
III.	6, 8	History	1,121	-2	1,133	1+	1,598	2
IV.	9, 11	Juveniles	19,261	32+	26,650	34	28,918	32
V.	10, 12	Biography	1,351	2+	1,583	2	1,575	2
VI.	13, 14	Periodicals	1,019	-2	1,338	-2	1,785	2
VII.	15, 17	Arts, Sciences, Pro- fessions	2,757	4+	2,815	4	2,992	3
VIII.	16	Poetry and Drama .	1,219	2+	1,235	-2	1,328	1
IX.	18, 19	Collected Works and Lit. Miscellaneous.	724	-2	1,069	-2	887	1
X.	20	Books in Foreign Languages	55		114		119	
F. A. Class No.		Total	58,605	...	78,858	...	89,026	...
I.	50, 54, 59 .	History, Biography, Travels	1,982	35	3,754	-43	3,548	38
II.	55, 57	Modern Foreign Lan- guages	729	13	1,473	12+	921	9
III.	51, 53, 65, 67	Periodicals	160	2	331	4	488	5
IV.	52, 56	Miscellaneous Liter- ature	661	12	921	10+	976	10
V.	58	Theology, Sociology, Ethics	412	7	559	6+	517	5
VI.	60	Medicine	46	1	81	1	126	1
VII.	61	Greek and Latin Lan- guages and Litera- ture	262	5	374	4+	376	4
VIII.	62	Fine Arts, Engineer- ing	684	12	750	8½	932	10
IX.	63, 69	Law, Politics, Gov- ernment	36	1	149	-2	250	3
X.	64, 66, 68 .	Mathematics, Natu- ral and Applied Science	719	12	846	-10	1,414	15
		Totals	5,691	...	8,829	...	9,548	...

APPENDIX XX.

BRIGHTON BRANCH READING.

Class No.	RANGES.	CLASSES.	1874-5		1875-6	
			Books returned.	Percentage.	Books returned.	Percentage.
I.	1, 2, 3, 4 .	Fiction	17,662	84	19,532	80
II.	5, 6, 7, 8 .	Biography, Travel and History	1,424	7	1,677	7
III.	9 to 17 . .	Others	1,957	9	3,226	13
		Totals	21,043	. . .	24,435	. . .

APPENDIX XXI.

DORCHESTER BRANCH READING.

Class No.	RANGES.	CLASSES.	1874-5		1875-6	
			Books returned.	Percentage.	Books returned.	Percentage.
I.	1, 11, 21 . .	Poetry, Drama	221	-1	927	1
II.	2, 12 . . .	Travels	535	-4	2,233	4
III.	3, 13, 23 . }	Fiction	3,983	47	21,880	55
IV.	4, 14, 24 . }		2,877		13,701	
V.	5, 15, 25 .	Juveniles	5,348	-37	17,368	27
VI.	6, 16, 26 .	History	285	2	1,555	2
VII.	7, 17, 27 .	Biography	414	-3	1,567	2
VIII.	8, 18 . . .	Periodicals	162	1+	1,311	2
IX.	9, 19 . . .	Art. Sciences, etc.	465	3+	2,274	4
X.	10, 20, 28 .	Miscellanies, etc.	311	2+	1,671	3
		Totals	14,601	. . .	64,487	. . .

CHARLESTOWN BRANCH READING.

NOTE. — No classification of the use is practicable, as the books are shelved without regard to classes. Tables similar to those of the other branches will be possible when a rearrangement of the books is made.

APPENDIX XXII.

PERIODICAL READING ROOM.

PERIODICALS.	1867	1868	1869	1870	1871	1872	1873	1874	1875	1876							Total.
										Central.	E. B.	S. B.	Rox.	Ch'n.	Bri.	Dor.	
BY LANGUAGES.																	
English	141	175	208	229	315	333	374	547	699	291	42	49	67	79	19	32	579
French	39	46	49	47	48	52	54	57	66	45	...	...	5	...	...	...	50
German	27	31	35	34	36	38	41	43	49	38	...	3	4	...	...	...	45
Italian	1	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Spanish and Portuguese . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Swedish . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Totals	208	254	294	304	402	423	474	650	728	378	42	52	76	79	19	32	678
Duplicates . . . . .	...	...	...	...	72	80	92	94	103	103	5	9	1	2	...	...	120
Grand Totals . . . . .	...	...	...	...	474	506	566	744	831	481	47	61	77	81	19	32	798
STATISTICS OF USE.																	
Number of whole days open	289	390	429	429	...	398	...	...	...	358	358	358	358	358	...	...	358
Total readers	55,284	\$76,892	\$91,674	117,292	193,417	171,519	218,538	233,704	249,870	221,605	18,262	26,813	24,227	26,401	...	...	317,308
Daily average readers	191	266	306	510	675	557	678	706	678	618	51	75	67	73	...	...	830
Magazines read, total	81,783	88,034	136,122	142,962	299,150	254,159	288,462	329,524	348,772	263,616	31,929	42,965	36,774	25,168	...	...	400,452
Magazines read, daily average	283	293	455	622	992	825	897	964	973	735	89	120	102	70	...	...	1,118

READING ROOMS.	No. of Magazines.			Sundays open.			Average issue per Sunday day for the year.			Largest average issue per Sunday in any month.		
	1874	1875	1876	1874	1875	1876	1874	1875	1876	1874	1875	1876
Central	418	515	481	52	52	53	421	473	476	603, Jan.	646, Mar.	615, Dec.
East Boston	41	47	47	52	52	53	141	113	121	241, Jan.	198, Feb.	192, Dec.
South Boston	41	56	61	52	52	53	132	148	130	226, Nov.	310, Mar.	252, Dec.
Roxbury	67	77	77	43	52	53	74	68	87	132, Feb.	97, Feb.	133, Mar.
Charlestown	82	88	81	16	44	53	82	50	53	91, Feb.	78, Mar.	77, Jan.
Brighton	23	23	19	17	51	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dorchester (four months) . . . . .	.....	25	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

* Transactions of learned societies and costly journals, kept in the Bates Hall, are not included in this count, but they are all embraced — if currently received — in the Periodical List, issued by the Library.

† Eleven months and no vacation.

‡ Nine months.

§ This includes for 1869, 2,120, and for 1868, 2,013 non-resident readers; but now the distinction is not made.

NOTE. — The use of newspapers at the Charlestown Branch is not included, but the number of readers of them is. No statistics of use at Brighton and Dorchester are practicable under the present arrangements.

APPENDIX XXIII.

LOSSES, DELINQUENTS, ETC.

CLASS No.	CLASSES.	1867	1868	1869	1870	1871	1872	1873	1874	1875
		Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.	Total.
1	Books finable (<i>mail notices</i>)	15,652	11,911	13,124	11,920	18,700	21,868	27,191	31,953	36,309
2	Books returned after notice	14,203	11,479	12,613	11,419	17,856	20,872	25,746	30,149	34,095
3	Books sent for by messenger	1,449	432	511	561	844	993	1,445	1,759	2,214
4	Books recovered by messenger . . . .	...	403	491	475	805	956	1,377	1,680	2,129
5	Books not recovered	231	35	29	26	39	37	68	79	85
6	Books condemned	429	257	261	212	1,274	869	855	2,299	4,031
7	Books covered . . . . .	...	37,241	23,826	34,639	54,184	81,805	106,557	152,102	219,631
8	Persons finable not paying messenger . . . .	...	86	75	87	196	398	465	701	649
9	Residences changed without notice . . . .	...	58	92	57	116	...	345	129	695
10	Books sent to binderies . . . . .	...	...	...	...	2,669	3,219	6,460	6,354	10,930

Class No.	CLASSES.	1876								
		B. II.	L. II.	E. D.	S. B.	ROX.	CH'N.	BRI.	DOR.	TOTALS.
1	Books finable (<i>mail notices</i>)	5,939	13,649	3,563	4,795	4,502	3,267	1,508	3,290	40,513
2	Books returned after notice	4,639	12,333	3,436	4,639	4,359	3,201	1,479	3,226	38,422
3	Books sent for by messenger	250	1,256	127	156	143	65	29	64	2,091
4	Books recovered by messenger	238	1,172	124	156	143	65	29	64	1,991
5	Books not recovered	12	84	3	....	....	1	....	....	100
6	Books condemned	2	1,419	267	495	164	299	130	32	2,808
7	Books covered . . . . .	....	102,976	45,672	38,343	47,751	10,620	4,584	....	249,946
8	Persons finable not paying messenger . . .	57	282	63	129	78	59	3	10	681
9	Residences changed without notice . . . .	....	350	72	23	10	34	....	5	479
10	Books sent to binderies	4,886	*4,965	417	696	1,042	401	317	550	13,163

1874-75. — Of 758,493 volumes delivered to borrowers, only one in 8,921 failed to be recovered.

1875-76. — Of 947,621 " " " 9,476 " " "

* Of this number 798 were periodicals sent from the Central Reading Room.

APPENDIX XXV.

LIBRARY FUNDS. — INVESTED IN CITY OF BOSTON SIXES.

	GIVER.	Amount.	When delivered.	No. of Bonds.	When due.	Income.	Provisions.
1	Joshua Bates	\$50,000	March, 1853	1,727	April, 1894	\$3,000	To buy "books of permanent value."
2	Jonathan Phillips	20,000	April, 1861	352	January, 1906	} 1,800	{ "To the maintenance of a free Public Library." "Purchase of books."
3	Abbott Lawrence	10,000	April, 1853	1,725	April, 1894		
4	Henry L. Pierce	10,000	May, 1860	281	July, 1905	600	Books having a permanent value.
5	Mary P. Townsend	5,000	December, 1873	1,567	January, 1894	300	"Books of permanent value for the Bates Hall."
6	George Ticknor	4,000	July, 1861	8,296	April, 1879	240	Books five years old in some one edition.
7	John P. Bigelow	4,000	April, 1871	10,480	April, 1891	240	Books in Spanish and Portuguese, five years old in some one edition.
8	Franklin Club	1,000	August, 1850	1,728	April, 1894	60	Purchase of books.
		1,000	June, 1863	5,531	January, 1884	60	Books of permanent value, preferably "books on Government and Political Economy."
		\$105,000				\$6,300	

MEMORANDA.

- (1) Joshua Bates, born near Boston, 1788; died in London, as head of the house of Baring Brothers & Co., 1894. In addition to this fund, he gave \$50,000 worth of books to the Library.
- (2) The sum of \$10,000 was a gift in Mr. Phillips' lifetime. The other \$20,000 was bequeathed by his will, dated 28th Sept., 1849. He died 26th July, 1860, aged 82.
- (3) Mr. Lawrence died in August, 1855, and this sum was a bequest.
- (4) This was a donation from Mayor Pierce, previous to his retirement from office. The principal or interest may be expended as deemed best.
- (5) This fund was received from William Minot and William Minot, jr., executors of Miss Townsend's will, to whom discretionary power in making the gift was given by the will.
- (6) This fund was a bequest, accompanying the testamentary gift of his Spanish and Portuguese Library. It is required that \$1,000, at least, shall be spent every five years, for twenty-five years, for the addition to books to said library.
- (7) This fund was a sum intended for a testimonial to Mr. Bigelow on retiring from the mayoralty, and transferred by him to this purpose.
- (8) This fund was given by the Trustees of the Franklin Club, under authority given them at the dissolution of that Literary Association.

APPENDIX XXVI.

LIBRARY SERVICE.

Department.	NAME.	Entered service.	POSITION, DUTIES, ETC.	On regular service.	On time and extra service.	Total employed.
<i>Executive Department.</i>	JUSTIN WINSOR . . .	1868.	Superintendent and Secretary of the Trustees	1	. . . .
	JAMES L. WHITNEY . . .	1869.	Assistant Superintendent and head of Catalogue Department . . . . .	. .	. . . .
	James M. Hubbard . . .	1874.	Principal Assistant and second in Catalogue Department . . . . .	. .	. . . .
	Frederic B. Perkins . . .	1874.	Office Secretary and sub-executive officer	1	. . . .
	Charles A. Wilson . . .	1871.	Despatch Clerk for branch service and other expressing	1	. . . .
	Miss A. P. Call	1872.	Assistant Office Secretary and catalogue work	1	. . . .
	Miss A. A. Nichols . . .	1868.	Auditor and Cashier	1	. . . .
	Frank H. Thomas	1874.	Superintendent's runner	1	. . . .
	Total			6	. . . .	6
<i>Catalogue Department.</i>	JAMES L. WHITNEY . . .	1869.	Head of the Department. (<i>See Executive Department</i>)	1	. . . .
	James M. Hubbard . . .	1874.	Second in the Department. (<i>See Executive Department</i>)	1	. . . .
	William H. Foster . . .	1860.	Proof Reader	1	. . . .
	Arthur Mason Knapp . .	1875.	Pamphlets, periodicals, and Barton and Prince libraries	1	. . . .
	José F. Carret	1875.	Patents, engravings, and Catalogue work	1	. . . .
	Mrs. Susan A. Joslyn . .	1873.	Assistant in Patent Room. Accession Catalogue, etc.	1	. . . .
	Mrs. A. C. D. Keen . . .	1872.	General Cataloguer	1	. . . .
	Mrs. Eliz. T. Reed . . .	1873.	Assistant Lower Hall and Branch Cataloguer	1	. . . .
	Mrs. Eliz. J. Stevenson .	1865.	Newspapers, duplicates, official catalogue, etc.	1	. . . .
	George W. Merson . . .	1875.	Runner	1	. . . .
	Joseph D. Brown	1875.	Runner	1	. . . .
	Mrs. R. M. Eastman . . .	1839.	<i>Extra.</i> Documents, etc. . . . .	. .	1 . .	
	Miss Mary E. Joslyn . . .	1871.	<i>Extra.</i> Catalogue work . . . . .	. .	1 . .	

LIBRARY SERVICE. — *Continued.*

Department.	NAME.	Entered service.	POSITION, DUTIES, ETC.	On regular service.	On time and extra service.	Total employed.
<i>Catalogue Department.</i>	<i>Card Catalogue.</i>					
	Miss H. E. GREEN . . .	1873.	Curator	1	. . .	. .
	Miss Alice M. Porée . . .	1866.	Assistant	1	. . .	. .
	Miss Josephine Hewins . .	1875.	Assistant	1	. . .	. .
	Miss Emily C. Osgood . .	1875.	Assistant	1	. . .	. .
	Total . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	15	2	17
<i>Ordering and Receiving Dept.</i>	Miss HARRIET N. PIKE .	1867.	Chief Clerk	1	. . .	. .
	Miss Mary A. McGrath . .	1868.	Assistant	1	. . .	. .
	Miss E. L. Clarke	1875.	Assistant	1	. . .	. .
	Miss Ellen Stevenson . . .	1869.	Assistant	1	. . .	. .
	Total . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	4	. .	4
<i>Shelf Department.</i>	APPLETON P. C. GRIFFIN	1865.	Custodian	1	. . .	. .
	Timothy Donovan	1873.	B. H. Assistant	1	. . .	. .
	F. A. M. Stuart	1875.	B. H. Assistant	1	. . .	. .
	Annie M. Kennedy	1869.	L. H. Assistant	1	. . .	. .
	Total . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	4	. .	4
<i>Bates Hall.</i>	HENRY WARE	1875.	Keeper	1	. . .	. .
	Miss L. S. Norton	1865.	Delivery Assistant	1	. . .	. .
	Miss L. F. Knowles . . .	1867.	Receiving Assistant	1	. . .	. .
	Alfred Newmarch	1875.	Runner	1	. . .	. .
	Thomas Whyte	1874.	Runner	1	. . .	. .
	Frank C. Blaisdell	1876.	Runner	1	. . .	. .
	John Cameron	1876.	Runner	1	. . .	. .
	Richard Ray	1876.	Runner	1	. . .	. .
	Total . . . . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	8	. .	8
<i>Lower Hall.</i>	ELBRIDGE BRADSHAW . .	1869.	Keeper	1	. . .	. .
	Alfred A. Brooks	1875.	Assistant Keeper	1	. . .	. .
	Miss Sarah A. Mack . . .	1863.	Delivery Clerk	1	. . .	. .
	Miss Eliza J. Mack	1863.	Receiving Clerk	1	. . .	. .
	Miss Ellen E. Bresnahan .	1869.	Keeper's Clerk	1	. . .	. .
	Miss Ellen F. McCarthy .	1872.	Assistant	1	. . .	. .
	Miss Ella Sturmy	1872.	Assistant	1	. . .	. .
	Margaret A. Sheridan . .	1875.	Art-Room attendant	1	. . .	. .

LIBRARY SERVICE. — *Continued.*

Department.	NAME.	Entered service.	POSITION, DUTIES, ETC.	On regular service.	On time and extra service.	Total employed.
<i>Lower Hall.</i>	Mary Connor	1873.	Runner	1	..	..
	Margaret Donovan	1874.	Runner	1	..	..
	Annie G. Shea	1874.	Runner	1	..	..
	Margaret Doyle	1875.	Runner	1	..	..
	Wm. F. Robinson	1872.	Registration and Fine Clerk . . .	1	..	..
	Miss Elizabeth Ross . . .	1869.	Assistant Clerk, etc.	1	..	..
	Miss Caroline E. Porée . .	1859.	Reading-Room attendant	1	..	..
	<i>Evening Service.</i>					
	Frederie Kyle	1874.	Registration Clerk and Sunday service . . . . .	..	1	..
	Miss Henrietta E. Mack . .	1869.	Delivery Clerk . . . . .	..	1	..
	Miss Catherine McGrath . .	1873.	Receiving Clerk . . . . .	..	1	..
	Miss Amelia McGrath . . .	1869.	Assistant . . . . .	..	1	..
	Robert B. Ross	1873.	Reading-Room attendant . . . . .	..	1	..
	Mary N. Burke	1875.	Runner . . . . .	..	1	..
	Hannah Clifford	1876.	Runner . . . . .	..	1	..
	Margaret Clifford	1876.	Runner . . . . .	..	1	..
	Total			15	8	23
<i>Janitorial.</i>	WILLIAM E. FORD	1858.	Chief Janitor	1	..	..
	Thomas Collins	1867.	Assistant	1	..	..
	Jerry Sullivan	1874.	Assistant	1	..	..
	<i>Extra daily assistants</i> . .					
	Total			3	..	3
<i>Bindery.</i>	FRANK P. HATHAWAY . . .	1871.	Foreman	1	..	..
	Andrew M. Blake	1870.	Assistant	1	..	..
	Romeo Cervi	1874.	Assistant	1	..	..
	J. R. Beckett	1875.	Assistant	1	..	..
	Michael J. Healy	1875.	Assistant	1	..	..
	James Pendergast	1875.	Assistant	1	..	..
	Mrs. M. Wheeler	1869.	Sewer	1	..	..
	Miss Mary E. Austin . . .	1874.	Sewer	1	..	..
	Miss Mary Moriarty	1875.	Sewer	1	..	..
	Mrs. S. E. Bowen	1876.	Sewer	1	..	..
	Total			10	..	10

LIBRARY SERVICE. — *Continued.*

Department.	NAME.	Entered service.	POSITION, DUTIES, ETC.	On regular service.	On time and extra service.	Total employed.
<i>East Boston Branch.</i>	MISS SARAH C. GODBOLD	1871.	Librarian	1	..	..
	Miss Mary R. Pray	1870.	Reading Room Assistant	1	..	..
	Miss A. M. Wing	1872.	Desk Assistant	1	..	..
	Miss Mary E. Cathcart . .	1870.	Assistant	1	..	..
	Ida E. Inman	1875.	Sunday service . . . . .	..	1	..
	Miss Nellie L. Lennon . .	1872.	Extra Assistant . . . . .	..	1	..
	Addie H. Ghen	1876.	Extra runner . . . . .	..	1	..
	Laura B. Morse	1875.	Extra runner . . . . .	..	1	..
	Abbie M. Keen	1874.	Extra runner . . . . .	..	1	..
	George H. Hosea	1873.	Janitor	1	..	..
	Total . . . . .	..	..	5	5	10
<i>South Boston Branch.</i>	MISS ALICE J. BRAGDON	1872.	Librarian	1	..	..
	Miss Abbie Dalton	1875.	Desk Assistant	1	..	..
	Miss E. A. Eaton	1872.	Reading Room Assistant	1	..	..
	Miss Emma Davis	1873.	Assistant	1	..	..
	Miss Honora McCarthy . .	1872.	Assistant	1	..	..
	Miss Esther Hinckley . .	1875.	Extra Assistant . . . . .	..	1	..
	Miss Lucy Morse	1875.	Extra Assistant . . . . .	..	1	..
	Mary Watson	1873.	Extra runner . . . . .	..	1	..
	Elizabeth McCarthy . . .	1873.	Extra runner . . . . .	..	1	..
	Joseph Baker	1872.	Janitor	1	..	..
	Total . . . . .	..	..	6	4	10
<i>Roxbury Branch.</i>	MISS HENRIETTA C. PRICE	1873.	Librarian	1	..	..
	Mrs. Julia A. Nye	1873.	Reading Room Assistant, and Sunday service	1	..	..
	Miss Clara E. Sanborn . .	1873.	Desk Assistant	1	..	..
	Miss Marietta Goldsmith .	1873.	Desk Assistant	1	..	..
	Margaret E. Blood	1872.	Runner	1	..	..
	Miss Mary Bradley	1876.	Assistant	1	..	..
	Mary M. Floden	1874.	Extra runner . . . . .	..	1	..
	Caroline Maxwell	1876.	Extra runner . . . . .	..	1	..
	Catharine Cleary	1875.	Extra runner . . . . .	..	1	..
	Elizabeth E. Burns	1874.	Extra runner . . . . .	..	1	..
	Charles R. Curtis	1873.	Janitor	1	..	..
	Total . . . . .	..	..	7	4	11

LIBRARY SERVICE. — *Concluded.*

Department.	NAME.	Entered service.	POSITION, DUTIES, ETC.	On regular service.	On time and extra service.	Total employed.
<i>Charleston Branch.</i>	DR. CORNELIUS S. CARTÉE	1870.	Librarian	1	..	..
	Miss Susan Edwards . . .	1869.	Desk Assistant	1	..	..
	Miss S. M. Eberle	1874.	Reading-Room Assistant	1	..	..
	Lillian Davis	1874.	Runner	1	..	..
	George H. Prescott	1875.	Sunday service	1	..	..
	Miss Annie E. Eberle . .	1874.	Extra assistant . . . . .	..	1	..
	Miss Harriet N. Davis . .	1874.	Extra assistant . . . . .	..	1	..
	John P. Jacobs	1875.	Extra runner . . . . .	..	1	..
	Georgiana Davis	1875.	Extra runner . . . . .	..	1	..
	Thomas E. Smith	1874.	Janitor . . . . .	..	1	..
	Total . . . . .	.....	.....	5	5	10
<i>Brighton Branch.</i>	Miss MARY E. BROCK .	1875.	Librarian	1	..	..
	Bridget T. Grailey	1874.	Assistant	1	..	..
	Miss A. J. Wilson	1875.	Extra Assistant . . . . .	..	1	..
	Charles F. Wheeler	1875.	Janitor . . . . .	..	1	..
	Total . . . . .	.....	.....	2	2	4
<i>Dorchester Branch.</i>	Miss MARY G. COFFIN .	1874.	Librarian	1	..	..
	Miss Esther R. Whiton . .	1874.	Assistant	1	..	..
	Miss Jennie Sheridan . .	1875.	Extra Assistant . . . . .	..	1	..
	Miss M. A. Hill	1875.	Agent at Lower Mills Delivery . . . . .	..	1	..
	Edward Davenport	1875.	Janitor	1	..	..
	Total . . . . .	.....	.....	3	2	5

SUMMARY.

	Regulars.	Extras.	
Superintendent	1		Central Library. 65 regulars. 10 extras. <hr/> 75 in all.
Office Secretaries, Despatch Clerk, Auditor, and Runner	5		
Catalogue Department	15	2	
Ordering and Receiving Department	4		
Shelf Department	4		
B. H. Circulating Department	8		
L. H. Circulating Department, Day, Evening and Sunday Service	15	8	
Janitorial Department	3		
Binding Department	10		
East Boston Branch	5	5	Branches. 28 regulars. 22 extras. <hr/> 50 in all.
South Boston Branch	6	4	
Roxbury Branch	7	4	
Charlestown Branch	5	5	
Brighton Branch	2	2	
Dorchester Branch	3	2	
Totals	93	32	
	32		
Grand Total	125		

AGENCY DEPARTMENT.

Messrs. Lee and Shepard, *Boston*.

Messrs. Little, Brown and Co., and Sampson Low, Marston, Low and Searle, *Boston and London*.

Mr. Edward G. Allen (for English patents), *London*.

Mr. F. W. Christern, and M. Charles Reinwald, *New York and Paris*.

Dr. Felix Flügel, *Leipsic*.

Chev. Eugenio Albèri, *Florence*.

Señor Don Juan F. Riaño, *Madrid*.

APPENDIX XXVII. EXAMINATION OF THE LIBRARY.

	BATES HALL.			LOWER HALL.			EAST BOSTON BRANCH.			SOUTH BOSTON BRANCH.		
	1874	1875	1876	1874	1875	1876	1874	1875	1876	1874	1875	1876
Not on shelves	2,621	3,612	3,653	7,395	7,001	7,510	2,031	2,012	2,022	2,309	2,306	2,068
<i>Of these found to be</i>												
Loaned	939	1,970	2,161	6,304	5,254	6,121	1,745	1,729	1,811	1,903	2,101	1,876
At the binderies	852	997	920	206	622	718	120	137	73	129	155	141
Otherwise accounted for	801	596	542	833	948	536	164	146	133	185	128	50
Not accounted for	29	49	30	32	177	135	2	. . .	6	2	12	1
	ROXBURY BRANCH.			CHARLESTOWN BR.		BRIGHTON BR.		DOR. BR.		TOTALS.		
	1874	1875	1876	1875	1876	1875	1876	1876	1874	1875	1876	
Not on shelves	2,298	2,441	2,830	1,630	2,209	. . .	728	1,835	16,654	19,098	22,875	
<i>Of these found to be</i>												
Loaned	2,200	2,283	2,577	1,479	2,016	. . .	591	1,602	13,181	14,816	18,815	
At the binderies	89	144	168	66	63	. . .	62	151	1,396	2,121	2,296	
Otherwise accounted for	7	8	98	91	130	. . .	54	21	2,010	1,917	1,560	
Not accounted for	2	6	7	. . .	. . .	3	21	1	67	244	204	

The Bates Hall shows a somewhat smaller number missing than were reported last year; and in consideration of the increased circulation this seems a gratifying result. The serials missing are probably not lost; many of them will undoubtedly be found at the binder's, or misplaced with other continuations waiting completion in the Ordering Department. The pamphlets in boxes are probably misplaced in the same way. Of the books reported missing at the last examination, eight have reappeared in various ways; two missing previous years have also been found. One pamphlet reported as missing in 1872 was found among the pamphlets in the Curator of Pamphlets department.

I have also to report that nine pamphlets sent to binder in 1869 have not appeared on the shelves since that time. They may be found, at some future time, to have been bound up with other pamphlets on different numbers.

In the Lower Hall the number missing is less than reported last year, although not such a large decrease as was hoped for, since it was then thought that the greater part of the books missing were condemned, and the records being incomplete, could not be accounted for. In view of the very large circulation this year, which increases the chances of errors in numbering or charging, the result seems satisfactory.

Eight volumes missing last year, and ten volumes missing previous years, have been found. Of these one has been missing since 1864.

The reports of the Branches, which appear above, show only a small number missing at each.

The figures given under the Roxbury Branch include those of the Fellowes Athenæum, as follows:—

At the time of the examination there were	
missing from the shelves	407 vols.
Of these were there found, —	
Loaned	371
At the Binder's	36
Otherwise accounted for	— 407 “

From the Bates Hall desk one volume has disappeared during the year, viz., Hale. Woman's record.

From the Central Library Reading Room, the following books have disappeared:—

United States Census.

Encyclopædia Americana, vol. 12.

From the Roxbury Branch Reading Room, Hole's "Bio-

graphical Dictionary," and from the Charlestown Branch Reading Room, Nason's "Gazetteer of Massachusetts," have disappeared.

Respectfully submitted,

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Custodian of the Shelves.

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APPENDIX XXVIII.

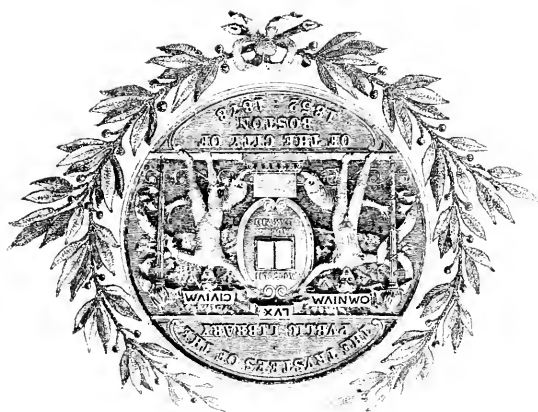
WORK IN THE LIBRARY BINDERY.

CHARACTER OF WORK.	1871-2	1872-3	1873-4	1874-5	1875-6
Bates Hall books bound and finished .	2,219	2,008	2,635	2,613	3,223
Books of the Lower Hall and Branches	1,015	744	753	1,508	7,766
Books repaired	396	430	492	444	959
Catalogues wired and covered for public use in Lower Hall and Branches	490	437	287	143	820
Maps dissected and mounted	47	28	9	493	
Map-volumes and shelf-lists mounted.	212	165	109		
Pamphlet cases	546	64	24		
Portfolios	5	8	8		
Removable covers for catalogues and for paper-covered books	266	263	450	1,520	1,287
Maps mounted, bound and bordered .	54	41	8
Hours of miscellaneous work	1,842	2,297	1,437	2,486	2,183

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